## The Invisible War "Being Faithful In A Faithless World"

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Jesus: "When I, the Son of Man, return, how many will I find on earth, who have faith?" Luke 18:8 (NLT)

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A faithless world tries to keep us from living by faith.

God will continue to test our faith so our faith will continue to grow.

• God is looking for faithful people to bless.

"For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can <u>show his great power</u> in helping them."

2 Chronicles 16:9 (LB)

Faithful people are hard to find.

"Many a man proclaims his <u>own loyalty</u>, But who can find a trustworthy man?" Proverbs 20:6 (NASB)

"God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. 3. They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one." Psalm 53:2-3 (ESV)

Faithfulness is the key to blessing, to victory.

"Every child of God can <u>defeat the world</u>, and <u>it is our faith</u> that gives us this victory. No one can defeat the world <u>without having faith</u> in Jesus as the Son of God." 1 John 5:4-5 (CEV)

"A faithful person will be <u>richly blessed</u>, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished." Proverbs 28:20 (NIV)

How can I be faithful in faithless world?

1. God uses little things to test your integrity.

"Whoever is <u>faithful</u> in <u>very little</u> is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much." Luke 16: 10 (HCSB)

"And if you have not been <u>faithful with what</u> belongs to someone else, who will give you what is your own?" Luke 16: 12 (HCSB)

2. God uses my talents to test my unselfishness.

"Each of you should <u>use whatever gift you have received to serve others</u>, as <u>faithful</u> stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4: 10 (NIV)

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove <u>faithful</u>." 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

3. God uses tough times to teach persistence.

"This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long, but they will produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever!"

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)

God is more interested in who you are than what you do.

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time <u>we will reap</u> if we do not grow weary." Galatians 6:9 (NASB)

4. God uses shortages to test my generosity.

Jesus: "I tell you, <u>use your worldly resources</u> to benefit others and make friends for eternity. In this way, <u>your generosity</u> stores up a reward <u>for you in heaven</u>...BUT if you are unfaithful with your worldly wealth, who will trust you with the <u>true riches of heaven</u>? ... You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:9-14 (NLT)

5. God blesses faithful people that bring people to Him.

"And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. <u>Seeing their faith</u>, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven." Matthew 9:2 (NASB)

6. God blesses faithful people that build the faith of others.

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2: 2 (NASB)

"Peter, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that <u>your faith will not completely fail</u>. So after you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and <u>build up the faith of your brothers</u>." Luke 22:31-32 (LB)

Everything in the world focuses against you to keep you from living by faith.

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