



Bulldog Faith

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DAY I—The Birth of Bulldog Faith

A. Luke 22:31-32—The Devil's Plan

1. "And the Lord said, Simon...behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."
 - a. *Sift* (GK) = separate, break into pieces, shake, shatter, and discourage
 - b. An inward agitation to try one's faith to the verge of overthrow.
2. The devil's plan is to drain, weaken and wear down our faith through continual pressure, disappointments, and discouragement.
 - a. Mark 4:15 (NKJV): "...When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts."
 - b. You must lock onto your faith and determine not to let go of the Word.
3. He wants us to back down from using our faith to take a strong stand for what belongs to us.
4. He wants us to live in a constant state of retreat.
5. I was in that condition some years ago.

B. "Get More Aggressive About Your Faith!"

1. Many years ago, we were going through a difficult time, with lots of pressure being put on us.
2. My attitude and faith had seriously slipped and was spiraling downward.
3. I sat down at the little desk in our room and prayed.
4. The Lord began to jolt me out of my complacency.
 - a. He really let me have it.
 - b. I took a little notepad and wrote down what He was saying.
 - c. *I want you to get more aggressive with your faith.*

C. God's Halftime Locker-Room Talk With Pastor George

George, I'm going to get after you about your sorry attitude. You are letting the devil beat you up out there. Get a hold of yourself and get this straightened out.

I want you to answer these questions right now:

- Are you maintaining or pursuing?
- Are you dry docked or launching out into the deep?
- Are you holding the fort or taking new ground?
- Are you settled into the status quo or reaching up to the next plateau?
- Are you throwing in the towel or going in for the next round?
- Are you waiting for the next attack or launching your own preemptive strike?





- Are you reactive or proactive?
- Are you passive or pressing?
- Are you surviving or thriving?
- Are you circling the wagons or leading the charge?
- Are you putting out fires or starting them?
- Are you having to be revived or are you reviving others?
- Are you behind the eight ball or are you staying ahead of the curve?
- Are you chasing after your dreams or are you running them down?
- Are you protecting what little you have or are you aggressively possessing all that is rightfully yours?

Well, what is it? Are you going to cow down and lose?

Or, are you going to get back up on your Bulldog Faith and win?

- I want you to get more aggressive about taking what is rightfully yours in Christ.
- Be more aggressive about exercising your faith to lay hold of and possess new territory.
- Reach out with your faith and take what you need. Command it to come. Demand it!
- See yourself as part of a mighty, stalwart, aggressive, pursuing, overtaking, fearless, relentless army.

Now, put your helmet back on, get back out on the field and...GO! FIGHT! WIN!

D. I Samuel 30:6, 8—“David encouraged himself in the LORD...and David enquired at the LORD saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”

1. The first thing David did was to inquire of the Lord.
2. Go before the Lord, hear from Him, and take your stand on the Word.
3. Romans 4:19-21 (NKJV): Abraham “did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

E. I John 5:4—This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Even Our Bulldog Faith





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DAY 2—The Nature of Faith

A. I John 5:4—Faith Is a Spiritual Force

1. *Faith* (GK) = PISTIS
 - a. A force that is forward directed and aggressive
 - b. Never passive, retreating or backward
 - c. Always reaching to obtain a specific target or goal
2. Verse 4 (AMPC): “This is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.”
3. Hebrews 11:1-3: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”
 - a. Faith is the parent force of all that exists.
 - b. Faith is always first. It opens the doors to the answers we need.
 - c. We frame our own worlds with words of faith.
4. “Faith is a spiritual power born in the human spirit at the new birth. It is the spiritual substance of all things. It is activated by the mouth and followed with corresponding action. It is fed by the Word of God when that Word is acted upon as quickly as you would a word from your doctor, lawyer, or best friend.” —Kenneth Copeland to Pastor George, December 2008
5. Mark 11:22-25—Faith removes, receives and releases.
 - a. Verse 23—A force that removes.
 - b. Verse 24—A force that receives.
 - c. Verse 25—A force that releases.

B. Bulldog Faith Defined

1. A bulldog is stubbornly aggressive, persistent, and determined.
 - a. It is a breed of remarkable ferocity and courage, with tenacity of grip.
 - b. Its jaw protrudes, and its nose is indented in order for it to bite down on something and keep breathing until it is completely theirs.
2. We bite down on the Word and refuse to let it go.
3. The nature of faith is aggressive, persistent, determined, tenacious, confident, demanding, commanding and focused.
4. The nature of faith won't give up and won't let go until it sees the desired result.
5. Bulldog faith says, “God's Word is mine now. Devil, you can't take it from me. Just be assured—I win!”





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DAY 3—Bulldog Faith Is Aggressive

A. Hebrews 11:32-34—Bulldog Faith Is Aggressive

1. *I want you to get more aggressive about your faith.*
2. *Aggressive* defined:
 - a. An all-out effort to win
 - b. Boldly and relentlessly assertive
 - c. Forward, pushy, militant, forceful
 - d. Ready to fight; tough and violent
3. Matthew 11:12 (NKJV): “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”
 - a. NIV-84: “The kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”
 - b. AMPC: “And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].”
 - c. Bulldog faith is not moved by what it sees. It moves what it sees.
 - d. The nature of faith will produce confidence and conviction.
4. 1 Timothy 6:12—“Fight the good fight of faith.”
 - a. *Fight* (GK) = describes fierce combat with an adversary
 - b. Faith pushes its way through all resistance.
5. Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV): “So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.’”
 - a. *Receive* (GK) = to take with much force
 - b. Seize with a grip which can’t be shaken off.

B. 1 Samuel 17:41-51—David Was Aggressive

1. Verse 48: “And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.”
 - a. *Hasted* (HEB) = suddenly, he went headlong with great speed.
 - b. (HEB) = so far from fear he was
2. David knew his covenant with God and ran aggressively toward the enemy.





3. When you look through the filter of the Word of God, problems get put in perspective. The spirit of faith is extracted from the Word.
4. Psalm 18:29 (AMPC)—By my God, “I can run through a troop” and “leap over a wall.” Devil, trouble, problem, get out of my way. I’m going to possess everything that rightfully belongs to me in Christ Jesus.
5. Bulldog faith does not roll over and play dead.
6. Bulldog faith attacks the problem head-on.

C. Hebrews 10:23—Aggressive Faith Is Relentless

1. “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).”
2. AMPC: “So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.”
3. We must keep constant, relentless faith pressure on the situation.
 - a. *Relentless* = unyielding, steady persistence
 - b. Attitude
 - c. Words
 - d. Thoughts
 - e. Actions
4. Don’t allow the situation to put constant pressure on us—we keep constant pressure on the situation.
 - a. “Having done all, to stand—Stand” (Ephesians 6:13-14).
 - b. Keep the faith pressure on the devil.
5. It takes aggressive action to get aggressive results.
 - a. Bulldog faith won’t let go until it sees the desired result.
 - b. Keep confessing what is yours.
 - c. Don’t let up on the spiritual pressure.
 - d. Keep pressing with your entire being.
 - e. Don’t let resistance get to you—you get to it.

Notes





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DAY 4—Bulldog Faith Is Persistent (Part I)

A. Hebrews 10:38—Faith Does Not Draw Back

1. “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”
2. AMPC: “The just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live by his conviction respecting man’s relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him.”
3. Bulldog faith will outlast the devil.

B. Luke 18:1-8 (AMPC)—Persistent Faith

1. Verse 1: “Also [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).”
 - Don’t let up on your faith.
 - One of our core values: “We pray about everything.”
 - Using your faith in prayer is vital.
2. Verse 2: “He said, In a certain city there was a judge who neither revered and feared God nor respected or considered man.”
3. Verse 3: “And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, Protect and defend and give me justice against my adversary.”
 - (NLT) She “came to him repeatedly.”
 - God is not the unjust judge!
4. Verse 4: “And for a time he would not; but later he said to himself, Though I have neither reverence or fear for God nor respect or consideration for man....”
 - Don’t let time affect your faith.
 - The widow must have come in the name of the covenant based on the judge’s response.
5. Verse 5: “Yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will defend and protect and avenge her, lest she give me intolerable annoyance and wear me out by her continual coming or at the last she come and rail on me or assault me or strangle me.”
 - NLT: “This woman is driving me crazy. ...She is wearing me out with her constant requests.”
 - The spirit of faith was bigger than the ungodliness of the judge.
 - Persistence wears down resistance.
 - Shut down what the devil is saying by declaring your covenant.
 - Trouble your trouble with your faith!





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DAY 5—Bulldog Faith Is Persistent (Part 2)

A. Isaiah 41:15—Stand Firm in Faith

1. Faith is rock solid, aggressive, and persistent.
2. AMPC: “Behold, I will make you to be a new, sharp, threshing instrument which has teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, and shall make the hills like chaff.”
3. Break down a mountain a little at a time with your faith. It will blow away like chaff.

B. Luke 18:1-8—The Persistent Widow

1. She didn't take no for an answer.
2. She was relentless and insistent.
3. She did not stop until she got what she wanted.
4. She refused to give up.
5. She tenaciously, stubbornly, and persistently kept coming and would not quit.
6. She exercised her “bulldog faith.”
7. Her persistence in faith wore down the judge's resistance.

C. Persistence Defined

1. Persistence is an obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
2. Persistence applies non-stop, constant, relentless pressure to a situation.
3. Persistence does not let go or give up until all resistance is broken and the desired result is attained.
4. Ephesians 6:13-14: “Having done all, to stand. Stand.”

E. Examples of Persistence

1. Mark 10:46-52—Bartimaeus persisted until he got his healing.
 - a. Verses 47-48 (NLT): “When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ ‘Be quiet!’ many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’”
 - b. He recognized the nature of Jesus and who He was.
 - c. He understood his covenant position as a son of Abraham.
 - d. Verses 51-52 (NLT): “‘What do you want me to do for you?’ Jesus asked. ‘My rabbi,’ the blind man said, ‘I want to see!’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Go, for your faith has healed you.’ Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.”
 - e. He was fed up with being blind.
 - f. He got persistent with his faith. He pressed in with it.
 - i. He was not about to shut up until he got what belonged to him.



