



Bulldog Faith

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DAY 6—Bulldog Faith Is Determined

A. Hebrews 11:32-34—Bulldog Faith Review

1. Hebrews 11:32-34 (NKJV): “And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”
2. The Lord spoke a clear word to me during a time of discouragement.
 - a. *“I want you to get aggressive about your faith.”*
 - b. He talked to me about developing a “bulldog faith.”
3. Faith is aggressive—it is bold, forward, forceful and tough. Yet faith works by love, which is gentle.
4. Faith is persistent—it applies constant, relentless pressure to a situation until the desired result manifests.
5. 1 John 5:4 (KJV/PGT)—For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our BULLDOG FAITH.

B. Mark 2:1-5—Bulldog Faith Is Determined

1. *Determination* = an unwavering resolve; nothing can stand in the way or deter one from achieving the end result
 - a. You must develop and build up your faith muscles.
 - b. As we’ve grown up in our faith, the things we believed for have grown.
2. Verses 1-5 (NLT): “When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My child, your sins are forgiven.’”
3. Verse 4—The men were so determined, so resolved to get to Jesus, they tore up the roof of the house and lowered the paralytic into the meeting.
4. Verse 5—Jesus saw their bulldog faith and the man was totally healed.
 - a. He saw the faith of those who lowered him.
 - b. Faith at work can eventually be seen.





- c. Faith without works is dead (James 2:17).
- d. Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic—no fear!
- 5. Mark 5:25-34—The woman with the issue of blood had bulldog faith.
 - a. She was determined to get her healing no matter the cost.
 - b. Verse 34 (KJV/PGT)—Daughter, your bulldog faith has made you whole.

C. A Psalm of Determination by Pastor George Pearsons, June 20, 2008

I have made up my mind.
I have made my decision.
I have set my faith.
I am fully persuaded
 that I am going to make it.

Nothing is going to stop me.
Nothing is going to hold me back.
Nothing is going to keep me down.
Nothing is going to stand in my way
 of the fullness of THE BLESSING.
For I am determined.

You can't talk me out of it.
You can't discourage me from it.
You can't deter me
 from all that is mine in Christ.
For I am determined.

Undaunted, unbending,
 unflagging, unflinching.
No matter what happens,
 I am going to make it.
According to the Word of God,
 I am going to make it.
For in Him, I am determined.





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DAY 7—Bulldog Faith Is Focused

A. James 1:2-8—Bulldog Faith Is Focused

1. James 1:2-8: “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers [diverse, different kinds of] temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect [complete, finished] work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”
2. There is a direct connection between focusing on the Word and effective faith results.
3. Faith undergirds patience and patience has endurance that outlasts any assault.
4. Verse 6—“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”
 - a. *Waver* (GK) = to be at variance with one’s self
 - b. AMPC: “Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.”
 - c. “Wondering is wavering.” —Norvel Hayes
5. Verses 7-8: “For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”
 - a. A single-minded man is stable in all his ways.
 - b. *Single-minded* = focused; give your total attention
6. Bulldog faith is laser-beam focused on the desired result instead of the dreaded outcome.

B. Proverbs 4:20-27—Bulldog Faith Is Focused on the Word

1. Verse 20 (HEB): Mark well and pay attention to My words.
2. Verse 21 (WEB): “Let them not depart from your eyes”—stay focused!
3. Verses 22-24 (NKJV): “For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.”
 - a. Don’t say anything different than what the Word says.
4. Verse 25 (AMPC): “Let your eyes look right on [with fixed purpose], and let your gaze be straight before you.”
 - a. NLT: “Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.”
 - b. MSG: “Ignore all sideshow distractions....”





5. Verse 26 (AMPC): "Consider well the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established and ordered aright."
 - a. NLT-96: "Don't get sidetracked...."
6. Verse 27: "Turn not to the right hand nor to the left [from the Word of God]: remove thy foot from evil."
 - a. NIV-84: "Do not swerve...."
 - b. Your first place of persistence is in going to the Word of God. It will order and change your thinking, feeding your faith.
 - c. "You can have faith in your heart but doubt in your head." —Kenneth E. Hagin
 - d. Answer thoughts consistently and persistently with the Word.

C. Mark 5:35-36—Focused Faith Is a Matter of Life or Death

1. Verse 35 (AMPC): "While He was still speaking, there came some from the ruler's house, who said [to Jairus], Your daughter has died. Why bother and distress the Teacher any further?"
2. Verse 36: (AMPC): "Overhearing but ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear; only keep on believing."
3. Jesus said, "Stay focused on Me!"
 - a. Hebrews 12:2—"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."
 - b. Verse 3—*For consider him* (GK) = observe fully
4. Mark 5:40 (AMPC): "And they laughed and jeered at Him. But He put them all out, and, taking the child's father and mother and those who were with Him, He went in where the little girl was lying."
5. The result of focused faith: She was raised from the dead.

D. Scriptures About Focus

1. Proverbs 17:24 (NIV): "A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth."
2. Isaiah 14:24 (AMPC): "The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely, as I have thought and planned, so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand."
3. Isaiah 26:3 (AMPC): "You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You."
4. Isaiah 50:7 (AMPC): "For the Lord God helps Me; therefore have I not been ashamed or confounded. Therefore have I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame."
 - a. Set your faith like flint.
5. Luke 9:51 (AMPC): "Now when the time was almost come for Jesus to be received up [to heaven], He steadfastly and determinedly set His face to go to Jerusalem."
 - a. TCNT: "Jesus set his face resolutely in the direction of Jerusalem."
 - b. BECK: He showed He was determined to go.





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DAY 8—Fully Persuaded Faith

A. Romans 4:16-18—Abraham Heartily Agreed With God

1. “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.”
 - a. Verse 18—*According to* (GK) = to heartily agree
 - b. God was looking for hearty agreement with what He said.
2. In spite of the impossibility of the situation, Abraham fully agreed with God, who had made him the father of many nations.
3. This is how we develop a fully persuaded, bulldog faith.
4. “I heartily agree with everything God has said about me in His Word.”
5. “I heartily agree with God that I am healed.”
6. “I heartily agree with God that I am prosperous.”
7. “I heartily agree with God that I am redeemed.”
8. “I heartily agree with God’s command to walk in love and live by faith.”

B. Romans 4:19-20—Abraham Was Focused on God’s Word

1. Verse 19: “And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb.”
2. Abraham refused to look at the external circumstances.
3. Verse 20: “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief...”
 - a. He didn’t waver, hesitate or doubt.
 - b. He wasn’t double-minded.
 - c. He was focused and single-minded.
4. PHILLIPS: “With undaunted faith he looked at the facts [his age and Sarah’s barrenness] ...Yet he refused to allow any distrust....”
5. AMPC: “No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God.”





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DAY 9—Bulldog Faith Commands

A. Romans 4:17—The Command of Faith

1. “(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”
2. RSV—Faith “calls into existence the things that do not exist.”
3. *Call* (GK = KALEO) = to summons
 - a. An order to appear
 - b. A legal warning notifying a person to appear in court on a specific date, at a specific time and at a specific place
 - c. “You are hereby notified to appear.”
4. 2 Corinthians 4:6: “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness....”
 - a. *Command* (GK = EPO) = to call
 - b. God commanded those things out there to come.
 - c. We do the very same thing.
 - d. We are in His image in more ways than one.
 - e. Don’t call things that are as they are. Give the faith command.
5. Bulldog faith commands things desired from out of the spirit realm into the natural realm.

B. Matthew 8:-10, 13—The Centurion’s Great Faith

1. Verse 8: “Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.”
 - a. *Speak* (GK) = command
 - b. He was telling Jesus to give the order.
 - c. “On the authority of Your Word, I don’t need to see it.”
 - d. “Your Word is the only evidence I need.”
2. Verse 9—The centurion understood spiritual authority.
 - a. He comprehended the command of faith.
 - b. I say, “go,” “come” and “do”; and they obey.
 - c. “I see that Your Word operates on the same principle.”
3. Verse 10—Jesus marveled and said He had not seen such great faith.
 - a. *Great* (GK) = enormous
4. The greatest faith is faith in God’s Word and its authority alone, not demanding any physical proof or evidence.
5. Verse 13—Based on your bulldog faith, your servant is healed now.





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DAY 10—Bulldog Faith Takes

A. Mark 11:22-24—The Faith That Takes

1. “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
2. Bulldog faith is never passive, retreating or backward.
3. Bulldog faith is an aggressive force.
 - a. It is always moving forward.
 - b. It continually reaches for a goal.
4. Verse 24—“Believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”
 - a. GK: Take it with much force
 - b. GK: Seize with a grip that cannot be shaken off
5. Like a bulldog with a bone, bite down on the Word of God and don't let go until what you desire is yours.

B. Joshua 18:1-3—Bulldog Faith Takes the Land

1. “And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them. And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?”
2. *Slack* (HEB) = postpone, put off, waste time; sluggish and lazy
 - a. Bulldog faith does not waste time.
 - b. Bulldog faith is not lazy.
3. Verse 3 (MSG): “How long are you going to sit around on your hands, putting off taking possession of the land that God, the God of your ancestors, has given you?”
 - a. It already belonged to them.
 - b. All they had to do was take it.
4. Whatever you need already belongs to you now.
5. Revelation of God's love toward you empowers your faith toward Him.
6. Ephesians 1:3 (NIV): “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”
7. 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV-84): “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them





you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

8. Every one of those promises belong to us now—so, take them by faith.
9. Faith is now (Hebrews 11:1).

C. Claim What Is Yours NOW!

1. *Possess* (HEB) = to claim
2. *Claim* (Merriam-Webster) = to take as the rightful owner
3. “For all of you who will take My Word and stand on it—the kingdom is for you, the angels are for you and all of heaven’s reserves are at your call.” —word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, October 28, 2010
4. How do you take what is yours?
 - a. Claim what you need.
 - b. Say, “Satan, take your hands off of what is mine.”
 - c. Say, “Ministering spirits, go get it and bring it to me.”

5. A Bulldog Faith Confession

Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Word.

I give it first place and final authority.

I am walking in Bulldog Faith more and more every day.

The devil will not stop me.

I refuse to quit.

I refuse to let go.

I refuse to give up.

My faith is aggressive.

My faith is persistent.

My faith is determined.

My faith is focused.

My faith is fully persuaded.

What God has promised,

He is able to perform.

I take it.

I claim it.

I possess it.

This is the victory that overcomes the world,
even my bulldog faith.

