

Provisions for the Worn Out: Part 4c

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Discussion Question: What tools do you use to grow your faith?

Daniel 7:25 *“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High...”* [KJV]

The enemy of our soul desires to wear us out.

1. Questions
2. Quaking (Fear)
3. Quarreling
4. Qualms
 - A qualm is a feeling of doubt or misgiving; an uneasy feeling of worry or fear especially about one’s own conduct or decisions.
 - It is a sudden feeling of apprehensive uneasiness; an uneasiness about the fitness of an action.

Living in a society where we are confronted with manipulation, fabrication and falsifications can create an atmosphere where we have misgivings about everything. Satan’s scheme is to get you full of qualms with God. So we look at God’s ways of dealing with doubts:

- A. Daniel and A Personality Trait that we all should have. An Excellent Spirit. Or the Spirit Excelled in Him
 - The Excellent Spirit produces dissolving of doubts!
 - One sure why to overcome qualms is to have the Holy Spirit
- B. Pattern of Jesus.
 - Faith is the gift and tool that God grants us to overcome all doubts and misgivings!

TODAY: Provision for Qualms

God loves us so much that no matter what tactic, scheme or tool that the enemy uses, HE grants us provision to overcome those. Faith is the provision that God grants for us to win the battle against doubts and misgivings.

What is the provision for qualms?

a. Believe the Gift of Faith (Measure of Faith)

Romans 12:3 *“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”* [KJV]

Don’t bury it! In the parable of the talents (money equivalent to about 15 years wages). The person who only got one refuse to use it and buried it.

What would you do if you knew that 15 years of expenses were taken care of?

What is the currency of heaven?

Is it possible that the one gift that God’s gives to all of us and has incredible potential and worth is faith?

Hebrews 11:6 *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* [KJV]

And if we bury that gift then nothing happens.

b. Borrow Faith

Mark 2:3-5 *“And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.”* [ESV]

When Jesus saw their faith!

Have you ever been paralyzed by fear, doubts, misgivings? How about false accusations or even perfectionism that you can't obtain. How about paralyzed by weariness and fatigue.

Has anyone ever used their faith to pick you up and get you in the presence of Jesus?

c. By Hearing Word

Romans 10:17 *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* [KJV]

One sure way to destroy doubts and misgivings is to overwhelm them with the truth of God's Word. Truth sets us free; Truth will keep us free.

The current Barna Study indicates:

- Nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their savior do so before reaching the age of 13 (43%),
- Two out of three born again Christians (64%) made that commitment to Christ before their 18th birthday.
- One out of eight born again people (13%) made their profession of faith while 18 to 21 years old.
- Less than one out of every four born again Christians (23%) embraced Christ after their twenty-first birthday.

Will you put your family in position to hear the Word of God?

Galatians 3:2 *“Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?”* [ESV]

d. Build Up Faith Praying in the Spirit

Jude 20-22 *“But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt;”* [ESV]