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Shield of Faith

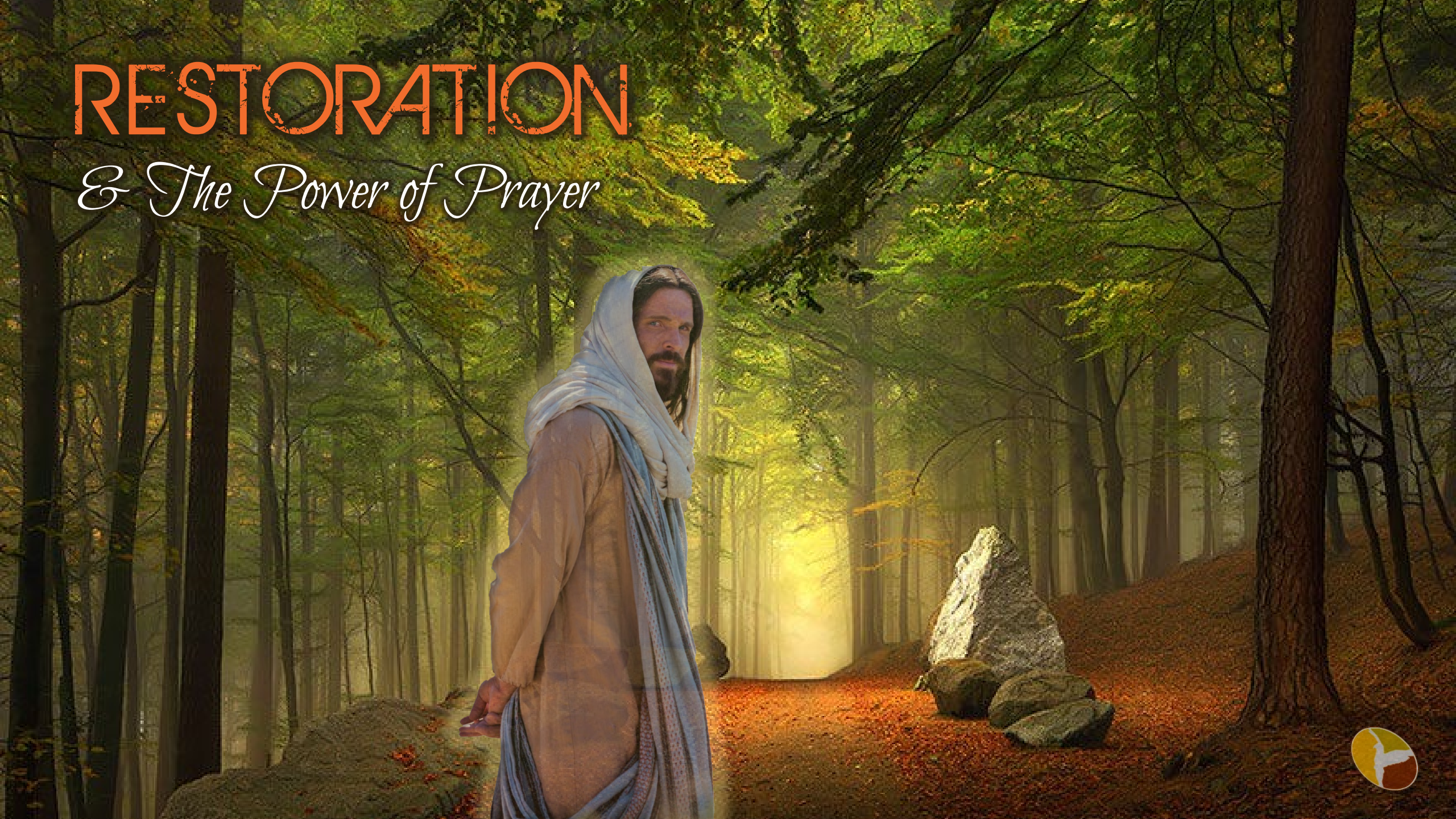
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The fiery darts

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"Come follow Me"


Keep fighting the "Good Fight"
of faith in Jesus Christ
one-day-at-a-time!


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FULL ARMOR OF GOD

S P I R I T U A L A R M O R Y

- **PUT ON** The Helmet of Salvation
- **PUT ON** The Breastplate of Righteousness
- **PUT ON** The Belt of Truth
- **SHOD YOUR FEET** with the Gospel of Peace
- **HOLD UP** The Shield of Faith to extinguish the fiery darts from the evil one
- **WIELD** The Sword of the Spirit, the Double-edged Word of God



FULL ARMOR OF GOD

RECAP

Shod Our Feet with the Gospel of Peace

The Gospel of Peace is the Good News of Jesus Christ found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John



FULL ARMOR OF GOD

R E C A P

Shod Our Feet with the Gospel of Peace

- The Gospel of Peace is…
  - First and foremost, complete SALVATION from sin and death by atonement of the cross of Jesus Christ
  - The Good News of Jesus Christ for mankind
  - Continual forgiveness and freedom from all bondages
  - Healing everywhere we hurt
  - Righteousness and abundant living
  - Peace that surpasses all understanding
  - The perfect Love that fills our void to overflowing
  - And…infinitely more than we can even hope or imagine



FULL ARMOR OF GOD

R E C A P

Shod Our Feet with the Gospel of Peace

- As true Believers in Jesus Christ…
  - We stand, we shod our feet, and we walk in this truth
  - As Spiritual warriors, in a Kingdom where surrender to Jesus Christ is the key, our part is to walk in that Peace each day throughout every opportunity that comes into our path
  - We perceive obstacles as divinely ordained opportunities as the Holy Spirit guides and empowers us



FULL ARMOR OF GOD

R E C A P

Shod Our Feet with the Gospel of Peace

- Five Key Challenge Areas as We Encounter Obstacles
  1. How to discern or perceive the situations we encounter each day?
  2. How do we know what to say or do?
  3. If we are not surrendered, it is difficult to understand direction.
  4. Jesus is the way-maker, the fountain of living waters the only perspective that provides the way.
  5. The battle belongs to God, our part is to abide in His will, and His way.



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R E C A P

Shod Our Feet with the Gospel of Peace

- God's Acres of Diamonds
  1. Your life is Divinely ordained for His purposes and plan.
  2. Opportunities are right in your own back yard.
  3. Our daily time spent with the Lord in prayer opens a Divine perspective that sees obstacles as opportunities.
  4. Our choices have a ripple effect now and in generations to come for life or death. Jesus said, "Choose life." (John 10:10)



SHOD FEET GOSPEL OF PEACE

Everywhere we go or whatever we do, we now have the power of the Holy Spirit within us, we clearly see the opportunities to

bring the Good News Gospel of Jesus Christ into our own lives and into the lives others.

Obstacles in our path are turned into opportunities…


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SHIELD OF FAITH AND FIERY DARTS

above all, *taking the shield of faith which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*

Ephesians 6:18



On a daily basis these "Fiery Darts" can come from anywhere and everywhere, especially from the ones closest to us

Those closest to us often fire the hottest darts, speaking or acting without thinking, causing the most damage

HOLD STEADY **your** SHIELD OF FATITH to

quench the fiery darts from the evil one!


What are
fiery darts
(flaming arrows)?
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Fiery Darts and Flaming Arrows

WORDS

- The insensitive un-discerned (unfiltered) words encountered by others
- Words spoken in “jest” or “mocking”
- Arrogant words spoken in judgment, criticism or gossip
- Words from others unaware of where the words might be coming from (i.e. Peter’s rebuke)

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Fiery Darts and Flaming Arrows

ACTIONS

- Physical, mental, spiritual abuse
- Insensitive acts like ignoring or ridicule
- Abandonment and rejection
- Events encountered, either intentional or unintentional by someone, that you perceive as hurtful and damaging
- Even the death of a loved one (grief)

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Biblical Example: When Jesus was with His apostles predicting his upcoming death. *Peter rebuked his words, saying, "Never, Lord!" He said, "This shall never happen to you."*

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get thee behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." (Matthew 16:22-23) He was not calling Peter, "Satan"; He was referring to the what was behind Peter's words as he spoke without discernment.

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- Those closest to us often fire the hottest darts, speaking or acting without thinking causing the most damage.

- Therefore, we hold up the shield of faith that quenches every fiery dart.

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W.O.W. Word of Warning: Our own mouth can be used by the enemy as fiery darts against someone else, or even our self (e.g., self-proclaimed vows or even curses).

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What is Faith?



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*NOW **FAITH** **is** the assurance (the confirmation) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith **perceiving** as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].*

Hebrews 11:1 AMP

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In the Bible is story after story of the **Faith Walk** –

Hebrews 11 proclaims
– Ancient Hall of Faith **-FAITH IN ACTION**

Noah and the Ark; Abraham and Sarah receiving a child in old age; Joseph knowing God had a plan for him after many years of overwhelming trials; Moses parting the Red Sea and leading the Israelites out of Egypt, and eventually to the promised land; Joshua taking down the walls of Jericho; Daniel in lion's den; David and Goliath; Ester, Mary, Naomi, Rahab, Ruth, Peter, Paul, the Apostles, etc…

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

1. This is a Day-to-Day Walk

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. ***Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.***

Matthew 6:34

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

1. This is a Day-to-Day Walk

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

Exodus 16:4

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

1. **This is a Day-to-Day Walk**

*Trust in the LORD with all **your** heart and **lean not** on **your own understanding**;*

Proverbs 3:5

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building **"Faith muscles"** – like building our bodies in the natural, building faith spiritually requires resistance, testing, and endurance.

   a) No pain, no gain – God may give us more than we can handle because we invariably try to take control. The stretched muscle becomes strong in the time of repair. It is always a question of **SURRENDERING to HIM**!

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building **"Faith muscles"**

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building **"Faith muscles"**

   b) God sent us the Holy Spirit to enable us to do ALL He calls us to do. And nothing is impossible with God! (Luke 1:37).

   c) We are NO LONGER SLAVES TO SIN –to this world, but sons of God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, joint heir with Christ in all the God has for us.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building **"Faith muscles"**

d) Stay in the day to day – stay focused on what is right before you. Do not drift off by presuming what is going to happen in the future. Keep bringing whatever is on your heart to Christ throughout the day **(Pray without ceasing)**.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building "Faith muscles"

Pray without ceasing…

Rejoice always and delight in your faith; be unceasing and persistent in prayer; in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench [subdue or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the [Holy] Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 AMP

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building **"Faith muscles"**

e) The more you learn to trust Christ by leaning on the Holy Spirit in your life, the more you will

"Let go and let God!"

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

We are given enough grace for one day at a time and it is more than enough to

CONQUEROR THE DAY!

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. **The Wilderness Period** – you feel like you are just wandering around with no direction and no help.

   a) If you are in the Wilderness period it is usually the time God is waiting for us to come to Him! e.g., Israelites in the dessert and getting to the Promised Land. They were so focused on their problems and needs they lost out on the relationship with God and the Promised land until the next generation.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period

b) It is a time of refinement. There may be parts of your *character that need refining*.

c) God is often waiting on us, not necessarily us waiting on Him (e.g., drowning victim).

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period

d) If we hold on in complete trust, the waiting creates a solid steady faith in the Lord which only grows each day.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period

OLD TESTAMENT

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

Psalm 27:14

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period

OLD TESTAMENT

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period

NEW TESTAMENT

But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:4-8

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period

NEW TESTAMENT

...we glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. **One percent of faith can move mountains – faith as tiny as a mustard seed.**

   a) Story of the noted *Preacher.*

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psalm 118:8 (KJV)

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. One percent of faith can move mountains

So, Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:20-21

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. One percent of faith can move mountains

b) Remember we are building our faith honed (sharpened) for God's purposes and plan taking down powers and principalities in our own lives, as well as others.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. One percent of faith can move mountains

c) Your "catalyst" (*person or thing that precipitates an event*) is the very means by which we learn and are refined. This is what builds the shield of faith, knowing Christ is with us.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

a) As you continue this personal intimate journey with Jesus your perspective changes, because you are seeing things from the Lord's perspective—the much bigger picture. You are walking in His Kingdom with a mind renewed by the Holy Spirit.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

" Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy (count it all joy). For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

James 1:2-4

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

*"Beloved, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something **strange** were happening to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's suffering, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."*

1 Peter 4:12-13

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

b) "Count it all joy" would "*tweak my flesh*" until God began to reveal the bigger picture and changed my perspective – renewed my mind- from the old man to the new man.

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

c) ON A GLOBAL SCALE today – The Holy Spirit is bringing us in unity through our relationship with Jesus Christ and hearing His voice taking down powers and principalities and the spirit of antichrist coming against us.

WE ARE THE RESISTANCE!

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

And

WE MORE THAN OVERCOMERS IN JESUS CHRIST!

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

…until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

One of our supreme responsibilities, by everything we say and do, is to restrain the manifestation of the Antichrist and the consummation of lawlessness until God's purposes of grace have been fulfilled.

Derek Prince, Spiritual Warfare For End Times

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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against divine authority and the coming reign of lawlessness] is already at work; [but it is restrained] only until he who now restrains it is taken out of the way.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 (AMP)

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SHIELD OF FAITH AND FIERY DARTS

THE KEY: *Building and Maintaining your Shield of Faith is simply standing firm in trust in Jesus Christ by daily surrender and hearing what He puts on your heart to do. Then coming together in unity with True Fellowship –helping and encouraging others standing in faith.*



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