



## ***Use Your Faith!***

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### **Use Your Faith!**

- **The enemy is not after your stuff; he is after your faith!**

#### **Mark 4:15 (Amplified Bible)**

<sup>15</sup>The ones along the path are those who have the Word sown [in their hearts], but when they hear, Satan comes at once and [by force] takes away the message which is sown in them.

- **It's not personal; it's just business.**

#### **Faith Blockers: Unfaithfulness**

- **Uncommon people do daily what common people do occasionally.**

#### **Matthew 25:33 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>23</sup> "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

#### **Luke 16:12 (Amplified Bible)**

<sup>12</sup>And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?

#### **Faith Blockers: Fear**

#### **2 Timothy 1:7 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

#### **Faith Blockers: Fight Within**

#### **Romans 7:14-25 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>14</sup> So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. <sup>16</sup> But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>18</sup> And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.<sup>[a]</sup> I want to do what is right, but I can't. <sup>19</sup> I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I



do it anyway. <sup>20</sup> But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God's law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> But there is another power<sup>[b]</sup> within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. <sup>24</sup> Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

### **Use your feelings. Don't let your feeling use you!**

#### **Psalm 30:5 (Amplified Bible)**

<sup>5</sup>For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime or in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:17 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>17</sup> For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

### **Model after someone living by faith.**

#### **Hebrews 6:11-12 (Amplified Bible)**

<sup>11</sup>But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end,

<sup>12</sup>In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.