

## HOLDING ONTO FAITH Stuff That Really Matters – Part 5

**Isaiah 7:9** "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

### Four Ways You Can Build A Resilient Faith

#### 1. Get clear on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4:19** "Come and follow me."

**Romans 12:2** "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by the changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

**Revelation 3:15-16** Jesus said, "I know your deeds. You're neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were one or the other. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth."

**2 Corinthians 5:20** "So we are Christ's ambassadors. God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God.'"

**John 15:18-19** Jesus said, "If the world hates you, understand that it hated me first. If you were of the world, it would love you as its own. Instead, the world hates you because you are not of this world. But I have chosen you out of this world."

#### 2. Join the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:12** "For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in Heavenly places."

**Matthew 5:11-12** Jesus says, "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil things against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**Philippians 1:29-30** "For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ, but also the privilege of suffering for him."

**Acts 7:55-56** "He (Stephan) was so filled with the Holy Spirit that he looked up in the air just as he was dying, and Heaven was open. And Jesus was standing at the right hand of the Father."

**Hebrews 12:1** "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us."

### 3. Get \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** "All scripture is God breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

**2 Timothy 4:3-4** "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they'll gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."

**1 Peter 3:15** "But in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

**John 16:13** "But when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own. He will speak only what he hears. And he will tell you what is yet to come."

### 4. Move forward \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 4:7-8** "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love."

**1 Corinthians 13:1-8** "If I could speak all the languages of the Earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but I didn't love others, I'd be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor, and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it, but if I didn't love others, I would've gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, or boastful, or proud, or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable and it keeps no records of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice, but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown language and special knowledge will become useless, but love will last forever."

**John 13:35** "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

**1 John 3:16-18** "This is how we know what love is. Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need, but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us love not with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."