

FUELING YOUR FAITH IN A WORLD ON EMPTY

ENDURANCE THROUGH FOCUS



We look away from the natural realm and we focus our attention and expectation onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection (author and finisher). His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! So consider carefully how Jesus faced such intense opposition (hostility) from sinners who opposed their own souls, So that you won't become worn down and cave in (become weary and give up) under life's pressures.

Hebrews 12:2-3 TPT

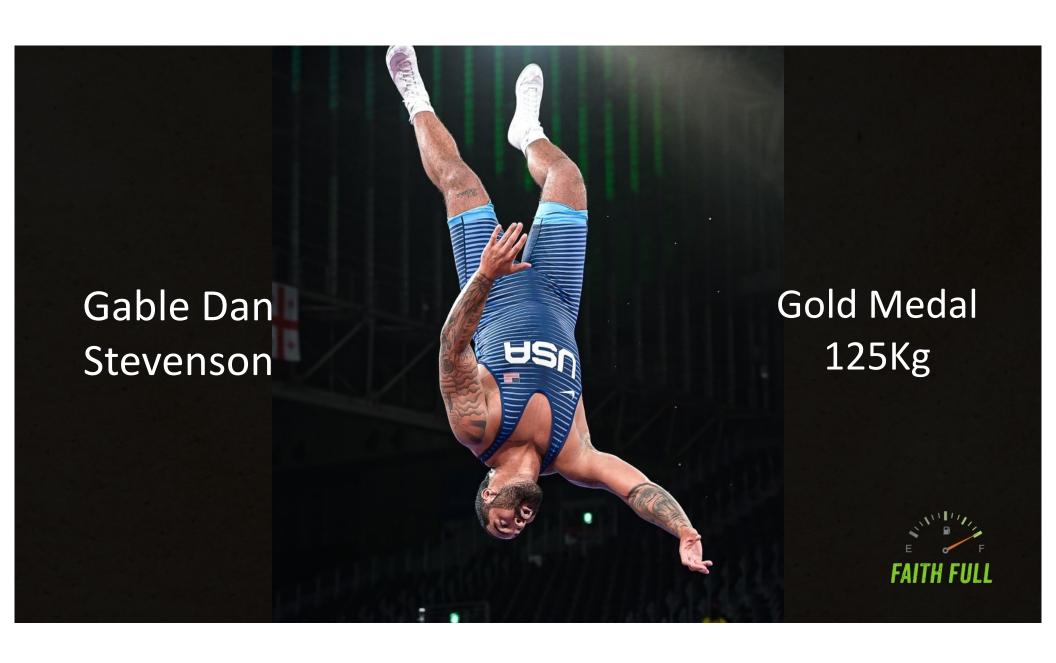


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MESSAGE 10: KEEP YOUR CONFIDENCE

TAKE COURAGE (HEART)!





Where is courage found?



Remember those early days after you received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, Because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence (trust in Jesus); it will be richly rewarded.

Hebrews 10:32-35 NIV

Where is your confidence?



And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm - boldly and without hesitation.

For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God.

For just as the veil was torn in two,

Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him!

And since we now have a magnificent High Priest to welcome us into

God's house, we come closer to God and approach him with an open heart,

fully convinced that nothing will keep us at a distance from him.

For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity,

and we have been freed from an accusing conscience. Now we are clean,

Hebrews 10:19-22 NIV

unstained (confident) and presentable to God inside and out!

What destroys confidence?



"The Lord is with you mighty warrior."

"Parden me, my Lord," Gideon replied. "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us?"

"The Lord turned to him and said,

"Go ... am I not sending you?"

"Parden me, my Lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh,

... and I am the least in my family."

The Lord answered, "I will be with you ..."

Judges 6:12-16



JESUS IS BETTER!



He's better for you too!

Better than anything you can buy, ... anything you can add to your portfolio. ... than any relationship. ... any new fad ... better than being ruled by anxiety over your problems.

... better than serving another hour of slavery to the temptations that bring you down. ... He's better than your past, better than your present, and better than the most powerful future you can imagine. ... A favorite "take heart" statement of mine is John 16:33, where

Jesus prepares his disciples for the approaching hour of his departure. ... He looks at the sea of anxious faces and says,

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.

In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Kyle Idleman: Don't Give Up



TAKE COURAGE (HEART)! JESUS IS BETTER.



"... For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:4-6 NIV



DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

How to build an enduring, go the distance faith ...

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 10: 1-39 (3 Translations)

DBS: Hebrews 10:19-25 (7 verses)

(Three-Column Study)

