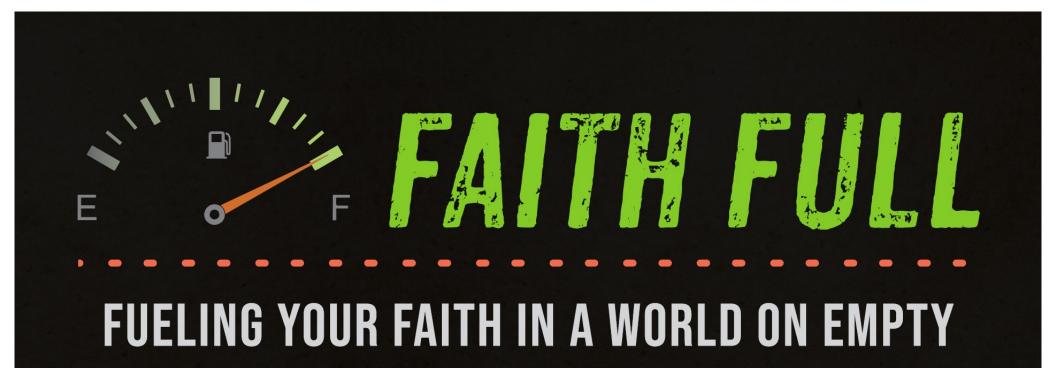
FUELING YOUR FAITH IN A WORLD ON EMPTY

EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS

- Unhindered by Anxiety
- Unchained from Religion
- Unleashed from Lies
- Untangled from Unbelief





MESSAGE 7: UNTANGLED FROM UNBELIEF

Have you ever walked into a spiderweb?



Therefore,

since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd (cloud) of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip (throw) off every weight (everything) that slows us down (hinders), especially the sin that so easily trips us up (entangles us). And let us run with endurance the race (the path) God has set (marked out) before us.

Hebrews 12:1 NLT



THE ENTANGLEMENTS OF SIN

Maybe its greed (I owe me).
 Maybe its anger (You owe me).
 Maybe its jealousy (God owes me).
 Maybe its guilt and shame (I owe you).

When I kept silent (refused to confess my sin), my bones (inner life) wasted away through my groaning (anguish) all day long. For day and night (the pain never eased) your hand (of conviction) was heavy on me (my heart); my strength was sapped (inner life dried up) as in the heat of summer (spiritual drought).

Psalm 32:3-4 NIV (TPT)



JESUS: THE GREAT UNTANGLER



We do this by keeping (fixing) our eyes (focus) on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.
Because of the joy awaiting him (us), he endured the cross, disregarding its shame (conquered its humiliation).
Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.
Think of (consider carefully) all the hostility (intense humiliation) he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up (worn down and cave in under life's pressures).
After all, you have not yet given your lives (reached the point of sweating blood) in your struggle against sin.

Hebrews 12:2-4 NLT (TPT)



THE WALL OF SIN

Sin separates us from God, then blames God for the separation. Our sin builds the wall that cuts us off, then we blame God for the wall.



For everyone has (all have) sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace (powerful declaration of acquittal), freely makes us right in his sight (gives away his righteous). He did this through Christ Jesus (His gift of love and favor now cascades over us all because of Jesus, the Anointed One) when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. (liberated us from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin!)

Romans 3:22-24 NLT (TPT)



And since we now have a magnificent High (King-) Priest to welcome us into God's house, we come closer to (draw near) and approach him with an open (sincere) heart, fully convinced (in unqualified trust or faith) that nothing will keep us at a distance (separate us) from him. For our hearts (guilty consciences) have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity, and we have been freed from an accusing conscience (guilt and shame). Now we are clean (washed pure), unstained, and presentable to God (both) inside and out!

Hebrews 10:21-22 TPT



THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS



When our guilt turns into shame, then our sin becomes our identity. When we start to identify ourselves by our sin, then it can feel like a permanently attached weight from which we will never be free. When we believe that what we have done is who we are, then we will lose heart. It will feel impossible to move forward Under the weight of our shame and guilt, and eventually we will give up. Realize today that your identity isn't based in what you've done or what you haven't done. It's based in what Jesus has done for you. God looks upon you and sees (Jesus) Christ. He sees purity, righteousness, infinite possibility (potential). Once there were terrible words to describe who you were: ... Those words are empty in your case now; void, N/A. You are a new creation (brand new) in Christ. ...

Kyle Idleman: Don't Give Up

Do you believe that?



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