

Staying in the fight:

9/10/23

1) **Introduction:** Cultural battle and spiritual battle intensifies.

2) **Look at few things today:**

- Deep and sincere devotion to God as foundation stone
- Identifying why challenges come into our lives
- A study on heavenly mindset - 2 Cor. 4 / Willing to suffer
- Taking authority over Satan

3) **Basic building block** – Everything you do for God is your free choice of devotion and sincere desire to honor him. 2 Cor. 9: 5 – 8

4) **Recognizing Struggles**, why they come: (Not an exhaustive study)

- a) Negative things are going to happen: 2 Cor. 4:7 (**Temporal**)
- b) Stressful things are going to happen: (**Meant to stretch you**)
- c) Hurtful things are going to happen: 1 Pet. 4:16 (**Meant to shut you up**)
- d) Oppression/ demonic attacks: Luke 4, Matt. 16 (**Mean to defeat you**)
- e) Uncanny negative things: Hebrews 12: 7-11 (**Meant to help grow up**)
For God to provide direction.....not always negative. (open and closes doors)

5) **2 Corinthians 4** Living with a heavenly mindset:

- a) Don't be surprised if the world doesn't figure you out: Vrs. 3- 4
- b) We live between the broken world of today and heaven tomorrow. Vr 7.
- c) Paul's list of challenges, but determination to stay in game. Vr. 8-12
- d) Decide ahead of time before challenges come, we're staying on
"Victory Road" and not getting off for a failed alternative. vr. 16-18

6) **Exploring the option of "Wearing Badge of Honor" to suffer with**

Christ: a) 2 Cor. 4: 10 b) Phil. 1:29 c) Phil. 3: 10 (8 – 12)

7) **Binding the strong man** - Matt. 16/ 18

Taking authority in our journeys, and not just allowing the enemy to destroy our homes, community and nation!

8) **Application:** Don't let the challenge of life take you out! Go deeper into honoring Christ with worship and hosting his presence.