

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 05-28-2017

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Our theme for 2017 is Jesus' invitation, "Follow me."

These two simple words will transform every person that accepts the challenge. I pray that in the next few months all of us in this church, as well as those who join us, will see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

We all have spiritual battles.

There are things going on in every one of our lives that attack our faith. We usually have no idea what the person next to us is struggling to beat.

The apostle Paul introduced Timothy to Jesus. When Timothy became a pastor, Paul wrote him two letters filled with wise counsel. There is a theme in the letters. Paul tells him, "Fight the good fight." And he gives him directions for how to fight the good fight.

1 Timothy 1:18 NIV

Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well,

<http://bible.com/111/1ti.1.18.NIV>

2 Timothy 4:7 NIV

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

<http://bible.com/111/2ti.4.7.NIV>

1 Timothy 6:12 NIV

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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How do we fight the good fight?

1 Timothy 6:11-16 NIV

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of

the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of Lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.
<http://bible.com/111/1ti.6.11-16.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

To fight the good fight,
you must believe right
then you must do right.

No one is immune to the temptation to wander from the faith. None of us are beyond the temptation to fall away from Jesus. But the war is already won. Jesus lived the perfect life. He obeyed everything the Father asked of him. He died and rose again. Jesus conquered the forces of evil, death and the grave. We fight the good fight on the winning side.

How can you train for the inevitable fight?

Set aside time every day to learn more about Jesus (at least 2x/week)
Set aside time every day to pray