Dan7v25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time

Jer12v5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?

# ONE OF THE GREATEST STRATEGIES OF THE ENEMY IS TO WEAR US OUT!!! MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY

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If we're already weary in running OUR race at a the normal PACE of life at a footman's pace how will I be when the pressure becomes greater and the pace of my race increases?

I NEED TO STRENGTHEN MY RESOLVE AND PUT ON THE MIND OF CHRIST AND UNDERSTAND I CAN DO ALL THINGS "THROUGH" CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME AND GET RID OF THE "IF'S" OF LIFE

## ONE IS USUALLY WORN OUT WHEN ONE IS USING ONES OWN STRENGTH – EXPECTING BREAKTHROUGH WHEN NOTHING HAS CHANGED

## THE "I CAN DO" IS CONDITIONAL IN THE "THROUGH"

Through is NOT just confessing the name of Jesus...

Acts19:13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" 16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

"THROUGH" A FAITH AND CONVICTION IN CHRIST JESUS THAT CHANGES MY DISPOSITION (inherent qualities of mind and character)

7 SONS OF SCEVA DECLARED A NAME THE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN AND WERE OVERPOWERED BUT THESE EVIL SPIRITS KNEW BY NAME THOSE WHO WERE CONNECTED TO JESUS AND WALKED WITH JESUS

### Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

Mar 6:7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

Mar 6:12 So they went out and preached that people should repent. :13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Mar 9:16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" :17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

Mar 9:19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." 20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

Mar 9:21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But (if) You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

Mar 9:23 Jesus said to him, " (If) you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Mar 9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

Mar 9:29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

Mat 17:16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." :17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."

Mat 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. :19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" :20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, (if) you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Mat 17:21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

THERE ARE CERTAIN **KINDS** OF FIGHTS IN ONES LIFE, PERSONAL ONES THAT WILL CAUSE ME
TO CONFRONT THE STATUS QUO I'M IN

THE **IF'S** IN MY LIFE THAT LEAD ME INTO A MINDSET OF UNBELIEF

# WHEN (IF) HASN'T MOVED THEN MAYBE I HAVE TO RE- CONNECT THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING DEAL WITH SOME UNBELIEF IN MY HEART – "THROUGH" CHRIST

## IF "I" / "F"

I – FIRST

I – FEAR

I – FORGIVE

• I – FAIL

I – FAITH

I – FELLOWSHIP

I – FOLLOW

Seek first the Kingdom of God

Fear not; God has not given me a spirit of fear

Releases the anchor that's holding me down

Failure is just another way of not doing something

Faith is believing for the tangible of the intangible

Prayer life intimacy with the Lord

Instruction through the word "follow me and I will make you".

1Co 9:26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.

#### SO MANY SAINTS ARE WORN OUT SHADOW BOXING

# SHOUTING AND SCREAMING AT SHADOWS WASTING TIME ENERGY AND LIFE

THE DISCIPLES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR INABILITY TO CAST OUT A DEVIL JESUS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR UNBELIEF

MAYBE I HAVE TO DEAL AND CONFRONT SOME (IF'S) some IF'S (kind's) will need me to pray and fast to break there hold

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