

Have Faith, Faint not!

Opening Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1, 16 KJV

“1. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not.”
16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

There are things in the life of the believer, that God emphatically says ‘yes’ and things God says ‘not’:

For instance, the Word says that ‘*all the promises of God are yes and amen*’ (2 Cor.1:20) but some things, the word says ‘not’:

In our opening passage, “faint not”!

1. Faint not

Galatians 6:9KJV - *9And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

The harvest in your future can be compromised if you faint, if you grow weary, if you quit. The great plans of God for us, awaiting fulfilment at an appointed season can be aborted if we faint.

AMPC: *9And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.*

Luke 18:1KJV – *“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint”;*

Have faith and faint not!

Here’s another ‘not’ in the word:

2. Fear not

There are in excess of 80 verses in the Bible that include the expression ‘fear not’.

When Jesus came walking on the waters to His disciples, in the middle of the night, in the middle of a storm, He said, “*fear not, it is I*”.

Isaiah 41:10 NKJV - *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’*

Fear? – not!

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

Some things are *not* for us to have, like fear. Some things the Bible says we have: power, love, soundness of mind.

Have faith!

Mark 11:22-23 NKJV²² *So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.”* ²³ *For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*

Have faith in God and you will have the promises of God. They are yes. They are for you and me – not fear, not discouragement (decide not to have any of that, except faith). Faith is the antidote of fear.

3. Stagger not

Romans 4:20 KJV- *He **staggered not** at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;*

Here’s another ‘not’: *stagger not.*

To stagger means to ‘*walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall*’.

NKJV: *He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,*

James 1:6 KJV - ⁶ *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.* ⁷ *For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.* ⁸ *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

4. Consider not

Romans 4:19 KJV - ¹⁹ *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:*

Here’s a fourth ‘not’: *consider not.*

Considering the circumstances could have prevented Abram from his promise. I am not saying that circumstances are not real. They are. However, we can empower circumstances or empower the promises of God depending on what we focus, what we consider.

Consider what Jesus said to consider:

Luke 12: 22-27 NKJV ²² *Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put*

on. ²³Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Consider Jesus.

Hebrews 12:3 NKJV- *For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*

Do not faint, do not fear, do not waver and do not consider the circumstances.
Consider Jesus!

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Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary or exhausted, losing heart and relaxing and fainting in your minds.

So, have faith and faint not!