

Our faith is essential to receive from God. (See the studies “Bible Miracles Explained,” “What Jesus Means by Faith,” “G154 To Call For,” and “Gospel of Kingdom of God.”) 1 Timothy 6:12 (below) says that faith is a fight. Since it is our faith that brings us miracles, our faith fight is important. In a fight, we can win or lose. If Aaron and Hur had not shot that rod back up, the Israelites would have been slaughtered (Exodus 17:8-13). It is no fun to be like the seven sons of Sceva (Acts 19:13-16), nor to be like Peter who wobbled while walking on water, earning Jesus’ comment of “ye of little faith” (Matthew 14:22-32).

1 Timothy 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

[Note: “Faith” as used in this study is defined in the study, “What Jesus Means by Faith.” “Doing faith” means doing what the people in the Bible examples did to receive their miracles. [See “Bible Miracles Explained.”] “Faith support” means doing faith to receive something that God has promised.]

So, how do we fight and win this fight of faith? Fight is an action against an opponent or opposition. It requires persistent effort to learn, train, and execute.

To learn:

We need to learn about the fight of faith. What is it? Why is it relevant to us? What is the process? What is the opposition? What do we do to overcome the opposition? See the studies, “What Jesus Means by Faith,” “Bible Miracles Explained,” “Gospel of Kingdom of God,” “God Wants Us Healed,” “Basic Verses God’s Will,” “How Not Receive from God,” “The Work We Do,” and “Prayer of Faith Factors.”

It is important to learn from the Bible what God’s will is for us in the current situation, so that we can apply faith to it. We should learn accurately what the faith process is and how to make our faith strong. We should learn how the opposition distracts us to make us weak (see the Sower Sows the Word parable). We should learn how to get more faith, if necessary, and from Bible examples, the persistent effort required.

Important verses: Romans 10:17, Joshua 1:8, Acts 10:36-38, Luke 4:18-19, Proverbs 4:20-22, Mark 6:5-6, Matthew 6:26-33 (below), and Matthew 7:7-11 (below, see the study “G154 To Call For” for the meaning of G154). These verses declare God’s will for us. We need to mix our faith with them.

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God**, and his righteousness; and **all these things shall be added unto you**.

Matthew 6:26-33 (above) and Matthew 7:7-11 (below) declare God's will to supply our needs and that we should use our faith to receive God's help. Compare these verses to the Lord's Prayer. They say the same thing. [See the "Gospel of Kingdom of God" study.]

Matthew 7:7 Ask (**call for**, G154), and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh (**call for**, G154) receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask (**call for**, G154) bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask (**call for**, G154) a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask (**call for**, G154) him?

Always speak/act in agreement with God's Word. Do not contradict God's Word. Jesus said that man should live by God's Word (Matthew 4:4, Psalm 119:105).

Jesus said that doing God's Word/promise is like building a house on a rock. When the storm comes, the house built on sand falls over, but the house built on rock withstands the storm (Matthew 7:24-27).

Joshua shut up the men & did according to God's Word all seven days (Joshua 6:10). Jericho was a big job and their faith was required for all seven days.

The angel shut up Zacharius. Contrast what Zacharius said to the angel (Luke 1:18) with what Mary said to the angel (Luke 1:38). (Mary knew then that she might be begging for food in the future, since she might end up a single mom, because Joseph knew that Joseph was not the father.)

Jesus called Peter Satan (Matthew 16:23) when Peter disagreed with God's plan for Jesus.

The Bible called the ten spies' disagreement with God's plan an "evil report" (Numbers 13:32).

It is easier to do faith if the reader remembers the following verses:

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 (above) says that Jesus was sent to earth to destroy the devil's work.

Luke 7:22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

Jesus listed in Luke 7:22 (above) some of the work Jesus did.

John 14:12 **Verily** (*truly*), **verily** (*truly*), I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do** also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

In John 14:12 (above) Jesus said that the church, the body of Christ, shall do the same work Jesus did, because Jesus left earth. Jesus wanted his work to continue (1 John 3:8). Jesus emphasized this message with “verily” (truly) twice. Jesus really, really meant it. This verse is easier to accept if one recalls that Jesus equipped the church with the same supernatural tools that God gave Jesus to do work. [See the study “Jesus Church Parallels.”] Jesus told the twelve to do John 14:12 (Luke 9:1-2, 9:6, 9:11). Jesus told the seventy to do John 14:12 (Luke 10:1-9, 10:17-19). Jesus told the body of Christ to do John 14:12 (Mark 16:15-20, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 9:2, 9:6).

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith [in] God.

The “in” in Mark 11:22 (above) was added by the translators. The context of Mark 11:22-24 is that Jesus was explaining to the disciples (and us) how Jesus killed the fig tree (Mark 11:14). In verse 22 above, Jesus is saying that we all should have this thing of God that did the miracle which is called “faith.” Jesus explains “faith” in the next verse. Jesus shifted from killing the fig tree to moving a mountain. This is a teaching lesson.

23 For **verily** (*truly*) I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Again, the context of verse 23 (above) is obtaining the miracle that God has already authorized. [See the studies “Bible Miracles Explained,” “What Jesus Means by Faith,” and “G154 To Call For.”] Jesus said verse 23 to his disciples and to the body of Christ. So, it is for us today. Jesus said it with emphasis since it has one “verily” (truly). Jesus made this explanation of Mark 11:14 very broad to make it a teaching lesson.

Importantly, Mark 11:23 says that we need to believe what we called for will come to pass for it to work. Think of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-32). When Peter accepted/trusted Jesus’ “come,” Peter walked on water just fine (Matthew 14:29). When the wind and waves caused Peter to doubt, then Peter no longer fully trusted/believed Jesus’ “come.” Consequently, God’s power immediately diminished, so that Peter is now sloshing through the water. Verse 23 is saying be like Peter when he fully accepted/trusted Jesus’ “come.” “Shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass” just means to believe what God said regarding how to receive from God.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire (*call for, G154*), when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

“Therefore” in Mark 11:24 (above) says that because Mark 11:23 is true, then be sure to incorporate G154/faith in our prayer of faith (James 5:15). Again, God reminds us to accept/trust/believe God’s Word when we do faith.

Speak faith until the result arrives. Do not do what the 10 spies did when they spoke/acted contrary to God's will. Do what Joshua and Caleb did: acted in agreement with God's word until they got the the Promised Land.

Man acts or speaks (Mark 11:22-23) in agreement with God's Word/promise to move God's power to do God's will for man. Man's faith initiates/continues the miracle. The miracle pauses/coasts when man pauses doing faith. The miracle terminates when man stops doing faith. [See Moses/Aaron/Hur raising and lowering the rod (Exodus 17:8-13) and see how power responded to the woman's qualified faith (Mark 5:25-34) in the studies "How Not Receive from God" and "What Jesus Means by Faith."]

Stronger/more faith moves God's power more. Jesus and Stephen exhibited strong faith. Even then, Jesus kept on doing faith in Mark 8:22-25. See how God's power responded instantly to the strength of Peter's faith when Peter walked on water (Matthew 14:22-33). Get more faith from other people (Acts 12:5-12). Do like Moses/Aaron/Hur did: a group effort to keep that rod raised all day (Exodus 17:8-13, Exodus 3:8, 3:17, Exodus 4:17). [See the studies "Little Faith Great Faith" and "Bible Miracles Explained."] Do more Romans 10:17 to make your faith stronger (see the next section).

Keep on doing faith. See 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 + James 5:15 + Mark 11:22-24. This is what Jesus did in Mark 8:22-25. ". . . according to your faith be it unto you" of Matthew 9:29 applies. Paul prayed endlessly for the church (Ephesians 1:16, Colossians 1:9). Christians prayed endlessly to break Peter out of Jail (Acts 12:5 in Acts 12:5-12). Compare with Acts 12:2. Aaron, Hur, and Moses kept their rod raised just about all day (Exodus 17:8-13) to get good result.

One might ask that if it is God's will that man be protected from harm and be in good health (be made whole), then how does man die? Psalm 91:16, Genesis 49:33, and Matthew 27:50 show that when we are satisfied with our long life, we can "yielded up the ghost." (This is why some say our body is our earth suit: our body lets us live on the earth, for when our body fails, our human spirit has to leave.)

A tip on doing faith: a visual analogy of you doing faith may help. Visualize the goal of your faith act/statement (that is in agreement with God's will/Word) as a target such as a building. Visualize the faith statement (that is in agreement with God's will/Word) as a bullet slug. Visualize your belief in Jesus' name as "all authority in earth" (Matthew 28:18, Luke 10:17-19) as the speed of the slug heading toward the target: the stronger your belief that you can exercise "all authority in earth"/Jesus' name to do God's will, the faster the bullet slug moves and the more damage it does. So, each time you do a faith statement, in Jesus' name, visualize a bullet slug moving toward the target, and then visualize a piece of target falls down. The stronger your faith (more Romans 10:17), a bigger piece of the target falls down. Eventually, the target falls (Mark 8:22-25, James 5:15, Mark 11:22-24, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:16-17).

The key here is to do more Romans 10:17. In his home village, the villagers' doubt (disagreement with God's Word/will) of what Jesus told them caused even Jesus' bullet slug (in the context of this analogy) to strike the target building with little velocity such that the big/strong building survived (Mark 6:5-6). Jesus helped his neighbors to do Romans 10:17 when "he went round about the villages, teaching" (Mark 6:6).

To train:

Joshua 1:8 is the best Bible example of how to train for the upcoming fight. Clearly, God wants Joshua, an inexperienced leader leading a dangerous trek, to win. If Joshua wins, the Israelites win. If Joshua loses, chances are the Israelites would also lose. From reading Joshua 1:8, Joshua's success is strictly dependent on

whether or not Joshua does Joshua 1:8. God did not guarantee Joshua's success. God did not teach Joshua specifically about leadership principles or war tactics. Instead, God told Joshua to put God's Word into Joshua's mind and heart. Joshua 1:8 is a long-term job that requires effort and persistence.

Joshua 1:8 reminds us of Romans 10:17. By correlating these two verses, we see that God was telling Joshua to build up a foundation for faith. Both Joshua 1:8 and Romans 10:17 are open-ended. There is no finish line, no sufficiency condition. In both cases, more Word is better.

Training for our faith fight is the same. Keep on building up your faith by doing Romans 10:17. Review the studies in this set. Study the Bible for yourself. Add your own notes and review them. Remember: more Word is better.

Hagin's "Healing Scriptures" audio CD/MP3 is a painless way to do Romans 10:17. It lets us do Romans 10:17 when we commute, exercise, or do simple chores.

And practice. Someone I listened to said that we should always practice using our faith on something, for practice keeps our faith sharp. Start on something small and work your way up to bigger miracles.

A simple way to practice is to shed flu and colds. Say something like: "By the stripes on Jesus I am made whole. Thank you Jesus for making me whole now." (1 Peter 2:24, Mark 16:20) Or: "Jesus has taken my infirmities and sicknesses. In the name of Jesus I am made whole from head to toes." (Matthew 8:17, Mark 16:20) By design, these are very short, so that they are easy to say frequently. Say something like them twenty times to one hundred times during the day, every day. Then take notes on when you catch the flu and how bad it is. If you do catch a flu/cold, listen to the Hagin "Healing Scriptures" CD/MP3 and continue to say these healing Mark 11:23 statements. Record how fast you recover. Compare your notes to see how fast your faith is growing. Jesus measures our faith by the miracles we get (Matthew 14:31 in Matthew 14:22-33). Be sure to continue to do Romans 10:17. I made these faith confessions daily and was able to avoid flu/cold for over fifteen years. I define "not sick" as able to go to work or able to do chores.

A suggestion for runners: "By the stripes on Jesus my feet, knees, legs, and hips are made whole," (1 Peter 2:24) or "Jesus has taken my infirmities and sicknesses. In Jesus' name, my feet, knees, legs, and hips are made whole." (Matthew 8:17) Compare these with the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). They are all Mark 11:23 statements in agreement with God's will (Matthew 6:8, Matthew 6:25-33, Matthew 7:7-11). More agreements is better. These are not "vain repetitions." They are agreements with God's will for us.

It is easier to see the importance of building a Word foundation to support our faith if we surround Joshua 1:8 with other related verses: Romans 10:17, Matthew 4:4, Mark 6:6, John 15:7, John 8:31-32+John 10:10, Mark 4:11, 4:14-15, Matthew 6:33, and Proverbs 4:20-22. It is particularly illuminating to learn that Satan fights to take God's Word from us (Mark 4:15), even as God wants us to build up a Word foundation to support our faith (Romans 10:17). Satan takes away Word in us to reduce our ability to fight him. Consequently, we should do the opposite and work diligently to put Word in us to overcome Satan in order to do our work (1 John 3:8, John 14:12, John 15:7).

Consider the connection between God supplying our needs with God's Word in man.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall **supply all your need** according to his riches in glory **by Christ** Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (above) says that God supplies Christians' needs by Christ Jesus. Christians are empowered with the Spirit of God and power (Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49, Acts 10:38) when Christians are

baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 12:12-14 in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27). [See the study "Jesus Church Parallels."]

Power moves to do God's will when man does faith in line with God's will (Mark 5:28-30). When man does faith in agreement with God's will of "supply all your needs" in Philippians 4:19, then Romans 1:17 (below) agrees with Philippians 4:19 (above).

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

Example of God supplying healing to woman due to the woman's faith: Mark 5:25-34 where Jesus said, "thy faith hath made thee whole."

Example of God supplying protection to men due to Jesus' faith: Mark 4:35-41 where Jesus said "peace, be still" to the storm.

Example of God supplying sustenance to men due to their acting in agreement with God's will: Luke 5:4-7 where Simon said, "at thy word I will let down the net." When they lowered the net in agreement with Jesus, they got a monster catch. God supplied their need through the work of their hands. Another example is "give us this day our daily bread" in Matthew 6:11 of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Jesus says we are to pray the Lord's Prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says we are to pray it often, even endlessly.

Ephesians 6:10-18 is often called the "armor of God" section of the Bible. It reminds to deploy our defense against the wiles of the devil. [See "Not Perish," and "Prayer Authority."] Ephesians 6:16-17 (below) reminds us that miracles, Spirit of God, Word of God in man, and man's faith are related. Do Romans 10:17 to make our faith strong so that we can do faith to defeat the devil (Acts 19:13-16, Isaiah 54:15, 54:17, Zachariah 4:6).

Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to **quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.**

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God:

God and Jesus have done their part. God's Word in man is the link between man and man's faith (Romans 10:17). Man's faith is how man obtains God's promise of supplying man's needs. God's Word in man and man's faith bring God's will to us on earth (the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), the mystery of the Kingdom of God (Mark 4:11, 4:14), Matthew 6:33). [See the study "Gospel of Kingdom of God."] Doing Romans 10:17 is very important during training. Be sure to build up your Word foundation before you get into a big fight. Read this set of Bible studies twenty five times and then do it again, and again, before you get into a big faith fight. Consider carefully what you read to understand fully.

Pray the Paul prayers for yourself, your family, and others (Ephesians 1:16-23, Ephesians 2:5-6, Ephesians 3:14-20, and Colossians 1:9-11). Paul prayed them endlessly for the church. We should pray them for ourselves like Paul did. [See the study "Paul Prayers."]

How did Joshua fight the good fight of faith? Joshua 1:8. Joshua led the Israelites to act in agreement with God's will by forbade the Israelites from talking as he led them to march around Jericho for one week (dangling them in front of Jericho's chariots and soldiers) (Joshua 6:10).

How did Paul fight the good fight of faith? Paul spread God's Word to do Romans 10:17 for others. Paul also prayed "faith" endlessly for the church (Ephesians 1:16-23, Colossians 1:9-11).

Christians fighting the faith fight: many Christians prayed all night to break Peter out of Jail (Acts 12:3-12). Compare their result with that of Acts 12:1-2.

How did Jesus fight the good fight of faith? Jesus spread God's Word to do Romans 10:17 for others. When Jesus could not, due to their unbelief, do mighty work to help the folks at his own country, "he went round about the villages, teaching." (Mark 6:6) Jesus did Romans 10:17 for them. [See the studies, "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" and "Prayer Authority."]

It is very important to believe one receives when one does faith. [See Mark 11:23-24. See the study "How Not Receive From God."] Believe one receives just means respect and believe what God said about receiving from God. It means:

1. You know that what you are doing faith for is in God's will. Search God's Word for God's will regarding your issue. [See studies: "Bible Miracles Explained," "Basic Verses God's Will," and "What Jesus Means by Faith."]
2. You know how to do faith. [See studies: "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means by Faith," and "G154 To Call For."]
3. You do Romans 10:17 and you know that lots and lots of God's Word (regarding faith and healing especially) dwell in your heart, as spelled out by John 15:7 (below):

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask (*call for*, G154) what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

4. You know that Jesus' name is Jesus' authority that Jesus gave the body of Christ to do John 14:12 (1 John 3:8). [See studies: "How the Name of Jesus Works," "Jesus Church Parallels," "Prayer Authority."]
5. You believe John 14:13-14 (below) and John 16:23-24 (below).

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask (*call for*, G154) in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask (*call for*, G154) any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask (*call for*, G154) the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked (*call for*, G154) nothing in my name: ask (*call for*, G154), and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

If you are not sure that you believe the above points, do Romans 10:17 and read these studies again. Be sure to consider what you are reading. Your faith will grow stronger if you keep on doing Romans 10:17. Due to receding gums, I lost the faith battle on two teeth. But, as I kept on doing Romans 10:17 and doing faith to save the third tooth, the gum and bone around it started growing back. (I had excellent dental care the whole time.)

When you start learning/doing faith, you are probably depending on: God does to us according to what we say with respect to God's Word (Numbers 14:28, Jeremiah 1:12, Isaiah 55:11, Matthew 9:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:17). We should speak in agreement with God's Word. As you continue to do Romans 10:17, you will depend more and more on Jesus' name (Philippians 2:9-10, Matthew 28:18, John 16:23-24, Luke 10:17-19, Matthew 9:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:17). [See studies: "Prayer of Faith Factors," "Paul Prayers," "How the Name of Jesus Works," and "Prayer Authority."]

Observations show that it may take rookies doing faith about six months to a year of doing Romans 10:17 and speaking healing verses for the sick person before seeing significant results. (Long durations of: listening to the "Healing Scriptures" CD, reading these faith Bible studies or reading the Bible, and speaking healing verses as applied to the sick person.) It takes time and persistent exposure to God's Word to reverse a lifetime of unbelief. If one does Romans 10:17 regularly, then miracles manifest faster. ["Prayer Authority" is an excellent study to revisit frequently.]

We can do faith before we get in trouble. Study the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), Paul's prayers (Ephesians 1:16-23, Ephesians 3:14-21, Colossians 1:9-11), and Psalm 91. They are all Mark 11:23 statements in agreement with God's will for us. Jesus told us to pray the Lord's Prayer before we need food or protection. Psalm 91 expresses the same. Therefore, we can speak/pray these faith statements before we get into a jam. We can do the same to maintain good health. Safety and good health are God's will for us. We know from the "Bible Miracles Explained" study that we can do faith in agreement with God's will anytime, anywhere. We should do faith, as Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer, before we get in trouble or get hurt.

Since we can do faith in agreement with God's will anytime, consider the following prayer:

In the mighty name of Jesus, no evil befalls me and no plague comes near my dwelling, nor anything of mine. (Psalms 91) By Jesus' stripes (1 Peter 2:24), my body is made whole. My heart pumps smoothly, continuously, rhythmically, regularly. My blood stream is made whole and free of blood clots and foreign substances, always. My blood vessels are made whole. They are flexible, pliable, and free of constriction, inflammation, plaque buildup, and excess calcium. My blood pressure remains normal. Thank you, Father God. Amen.

The above prayer is patterned after the Lord's Prayer. It addresses sudden afflictions such as accident, heart attack, or stroke. Consider praying it several times every day.

To execute:

Be patient and persistent in doing faith. See Daniel 10:2-15. Daniel did not waver while the angel was held up 21 days before delivering the answer to Daniel. (James 1:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Mark 5:22-24, 5:35-42. Jairus' daughter's outcome depended on Jairus' continuing faith. Jairus exhibited faith to come to Jesus for help. Jesus went with Jairus when Jesus could have just commanded the daughter to be made whole, as Jesus did with the centurion's servant. When the messenger told Jairus that his daughter had died, Jesus could have commanded the daughter to arise, but Jesus did not. Instead, they kept on walking and Jesus encouraged Jairus to believe. Continuing to walk and believe constitutes Jairus' faith in Jesus' gospel message. This entire episode is a demonstration of ". . . according to your faith be it unto you" of Matthew 9:29. Jairus' persistent faith action was required to obtain the promised result.

Do Romans 10:17 when you can. But, when you need results, keep your faith going. Maximum faith for one person is 1 Thessalonians 5:17 + James 5:15 + Mark 11:23-24, similar to what Jesus did in Mark 8:22-25.

Gather more faith by getting others to exercise faith with you. The church prayed persistently to get Peter out of jail (Acts 12:5-12 vs. Acts 12:1-2). Consider making a list of people who regularly receive miracles. When in need, ask them specifically to add their faith to yours. Encourage them to do 1 Thessalonians 5:17 until the result arrives. Use Aaron and Hur helping Moses to keep that rod raised all day as a model.

Sing and praise as Jehoshaphat did in 2 Chronicles 20:21-22. It was only when Jehoshaphat and his people moved out and started to sing and praise God (when they did faith), that God set the ambushes.

Sometimes things go bad just as you are about to turn the corner. This is because the devil has found you and is trying to distract you (Mark 4:3-20). Hagin spoke of this. This happened to me three times. The solution is:

- (1) to get more faith from others to help, and/or
- (2) to listen to God's Word (such as listening to Hagin's "Healing Scriptures" audio Cd/MP3), and/or
- (3) to speak more faith (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and/or
- (4) to ask the Holy Spirit, your helper, to give you the right words to pray such that God's will be done for your situation, and then pray in tongue.

Continue to do the above 1-4 until you win. [See the study "What If It Does Not Work."]

God rebuilt my left knee and my right shoulder. God rebuilt portions of my mom's brain after Mom's aneurysm stroke. God grew a baby lung lobe for my dad after the surgeon took out one of dad's lung lobes. After losing two battles to save two endangered teeth, God is growing the bone and gum around my third endangered tooth. (Faith grows if one does Romans 10:17.) From experience, I think rebuilding a body part, such as rebuilding a knee or shoulder, takes much more persistent faith than getting rid of an infection. [See "dChenEarlyLog," "MomStroke," and "Addendum to Healing Scriptures."]

It may be discouraging to keep on doing faith when one cannot see progress. In these situations, I encourage myself by adding a simple task such as getting a parking spot to the big task. For example, let's say that my left knee needs to be rebuilt. So, my faith confession would be: "Father God, I thank you that you meet my needs and heal me. I thank you that you make my left knee whole and give me a great parking spot when I go see Dr. So-and-So." I do 1 Thessalonians 5:17 using this faith confession. When I go see Dr. So-and-So and find a great parking space, I know that healing for my left knee is progressing because I made the same faith statement for both tasks.

When you are doing faith for a serious health problem, be very careful to not significantly reduce faith support (faith exercised). Firstly, you should increase faith support until you see positive progress. Then maintain that level of faith support to keep the recovery rolling. If things get worse, increase faith support until things stabilize. If necessary, get others to add their faith (Acts 12:5-12, Exodus 17:12) to yours. If you have to reduce faith support, reduce gradually while maintaining positive progress. Continue faith support to maintain the positive progress in health symptoms, to keep the recovery rolling. Continue faith support until the sick person is safely in good health. Do not chop off faith support like Moses lowering his hand/rod (Exodus 17:8-13).

Once, we were made aware of a serious issue about 2 weeks before the deadline. We crafted a short, three sentence faith statement, after making sure the faith statement conformed to God's Word/will. We joined the faith fight and spoke our faith statement, on average, about three hundred fifty times per day, for two weeks. The end result was stunning. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

When my son went to college, he roomed with another freshman who had a suitcase of liquor from his family's restaurant. On Friday afternoons, the students would gather in their room to get a buzz before heading out to the bars. We were worried and prayed the Paul prayers (see "Paul Prayers") for our son. I carried those three prayer on a sheet of paper and bring it out to pray when I had nothing to do. I prayed about ten times per day. After about two months, my son reported that Christians started to pop out of unexpected places to encourage him. [See the Kenneth Hagin testimony in "Addendum to Healing Scriptures" (from his book, The Believer's Authority).]

Another technique is to first ask the Holy Spirit, Christian's helper (John 14:26), to give you the words to pray that your body [or specify body part] be healed/made whole. Then pray in tongue, trusting the Holy Spirit to give you the right words to pray. I say this: "Holy Spirit, you are my helper and comforter. Romans 8:26-27 says that you know the right words to pray for my [body part] to be healed/made whole. So, I thank you that you give me now the right words to pray to make my [body part] healed. [Now start to pray in tongue. Longer and more such sessions work better (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Do this until you are made whole.]

I can do this (pray in tongue for healing) while I do simple chores, commute, shop, exercise, etc. I find praying in tongue and pray Mark 11:23 faith statements work the best. Your intercessors can also do this for you. As always, we can do this for everything that is in God's will.

I learned of this faith technique at Hagin's Winter Bible Seminar in the early months of 1994. Hagin taught this in the Prayer School for praying for missionaries. It worked from day one when I prayed this for my sick little boy when I got home from the Seminar. More prayer sessions for longer duration is better. But, be sure what you pray for is in God's will. When our boys were little, we could mark their recovery by the hours of praying in tongue, after asking the Holy Ghost to give us the right words to pray. It regularly took about 4 hours of praying in tongue to gain phase 1 recovery, and then about another 4-8 more hours of praying in tongue to obtain phase 2 recovery.

"MomStroke" records one of my toughest faith fights when Mom suffered an aneurysm stroke and could not move nor talk. After her brain surgery, the neurosurgeon warned us that a seizures were now the enemy. A seizure could still kill Mom. During Mom's recovery, I prayed this way for sixty days, averaged three hours per day. About 2 weeks into the recovery, after all the wires and tubes were removed and after Mom looked pretty good, I took a day off from doing faith for Mom's recovery. Within 24 hours, Mom was struck with a seizure so severe that they immediately put a pacemaker into Mom. My mistake was not doing 1 Thessalonians 5:17 when I removed about 3 hours of faith support that day. I did what Moses did in Exodus 17:11. We made the same mistake in another case where we received two miracles to successfully finish a necessary surgery. We assumed a successful recovery, relaxed our faith support, and did not closely monitor the recovery process. By the time we heard that the recovery was heading south, we could not turn it around. We did Exodus 17:12 too late. It was a very costly lesson.

When my son felt like he might pass out, I prayed, from afar, this way for about ten hours (as he slept) before he got well.

One time my wife and I were chatting at the dinner table and she quietly and slowly leaned over sideways and laid her head on the table. It took me about five seconds to figure out this was not normal. I went over and saw that she was fine but not responsive. So, I prayed, in Jesus' name, that she be made whole. Then I asked the Holy Ghost to give me the right word to pray that she be made whole and I started praying in tongue. About ten minutes later she revived, leaned up vertically, but could remember nothing of blacking out. I continued to pray in tongue as she called the advice nurse. The nurse told us to go to the emergency room. We did and I continued to pray in tongue, depending on the Holy Ghost to give me the right words to pray that my wife be made whole. The emergency room was very busy and we got medical attention at about 9 p.m. They ran four tests on her, starting at about 10 p.m. I continued to pray in tongue. At about midnight, they told us the tests showed nothing and sent us home. I probably prayed in tongue from 7 p.m. to midnight. Duration counts: think 1 Thessalonians 5:17. These four tests cost almost \$8,000.