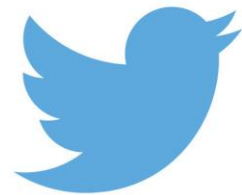




LIVING
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THE MESSAGE OF 1 PETER

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1 Peter 5:8-9

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

So what do we learn about the spiritual battle?

The Message of 1 Peter 5:1-4– A Living Hope

WE LEARN THAT THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE IS REAL

"Be alert and of sober mind" (1 Peter 5:8)

- Stay alert, keep your guard up,
- Keep a cool head
- Well balanced and self disciplined

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

C.S. Lewis

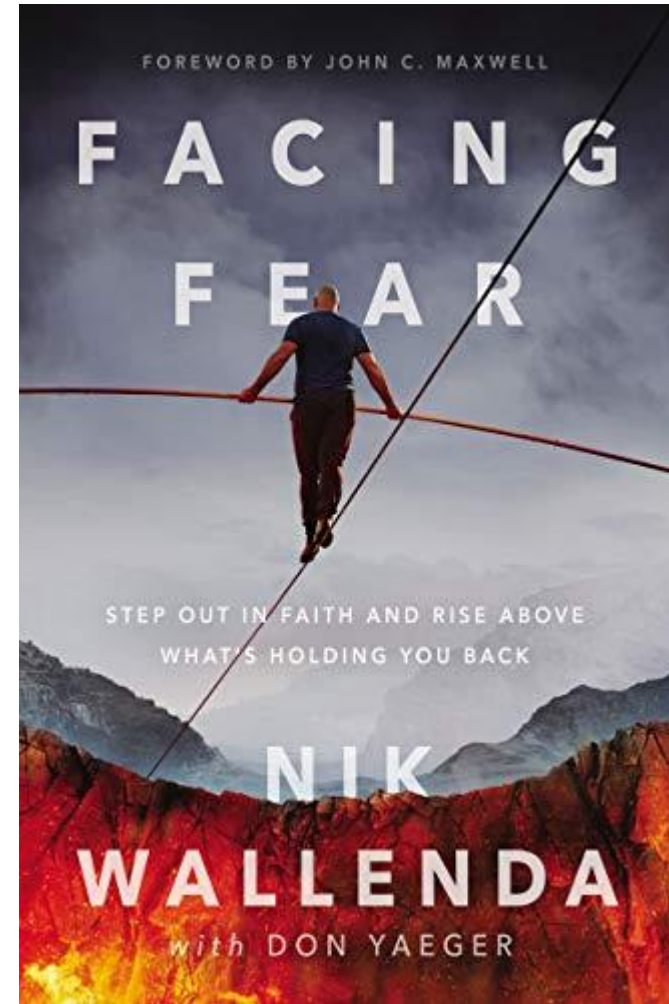


*“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We **demolish arguments** and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we **take captive every thought** to make it **obedient to Christ.**”*

2 Cor 10:3-5



Interview with Nik Wallenda



The Message of 1 Peter 5:8-9 – A Living Hope

WE LEARN THAT THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE IS STRATEGIC

"“He prowls around like a roaring lion”
(1 Peter 5:8)

INTIMIDATION

- try to intimidate us,
- trying to breed fear in our lives
- camouflaged and subtle



Using other people is a strategy of the enemy.

Nehemiah 6 Further Opposition to the Rebuilding

“They were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?” Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

*.....They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.”
But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”*

ISOLATION



Why is it important NOT to be ISOLATED?

Colossians 4:17 Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

WE LEARN THAT THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE IS FOR A PURPOSE

“looking for someone to devour”
(1 Peter 5:8)

Luke 22:31-32

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But **I have prayed** for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, **strengthen your brothers.**”*

CONCLUSION:

Why should you do?

What's your next steps?

“Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” (1 Peter 5:9)

RESIST –

REMEMBER –