

Good News Part 2: Fight > Flight

*“Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and **announcing the Good News** about the Kingdom.”*

Matthew 9:35 NLT

*“When we arrived in Macedonia, there was **no rest** for us. We faced **conflict** from every direction, with **battles** on the outside and **fear** on the inside.”*

2 Corinthians 7:5 NLT

✓ **Fear and pain.**

✓ **Avoid and escape.**

✓ **Empty and lonely.**

✓ **Repeat and recycle.**

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have **trouble**. But take heart! I have **overcome** the world.”*

John 16:33 NIV

Fight > Flight

*“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a **bad report** about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). **We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes**, and we looked the same to them.”” Numbers 13:30-33 NIV*

*“But because my servant Caleb has a **different spirit** and follows me **wholeheartedly**, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.”*

Numbers 14:24 NIV

1. Pick your fight.

*"We are hard pressed on every side, but **not crushed**; perplexed, but **not in despair**; persecuted, but **not abandoned**; struck down, but **not destroyed**. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body."*

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 NIV

2. Prepare for battle.

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Put on the full armor of God**, so that you can take your stand **against the devil's schemes**. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV*

*"**But God**, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the **arrival of Titus**. His presence was a joy, but so was the news he brought of the encouragement he received from you."*

2 Corinthians 7:6-7 NLT

3. Persevere, God is fighting for you.

*"As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites... There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. **Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!**" Joshua 10:11, 14 NIV*

*"If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, **no harm** will overtake you, **no disaster** will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;" Psalms 91:9-11 NIV*