

Part 13 F.A.C.E. Our Spiritual Goliaths

Three Spiritual Weapons?

Hello, everyone!

I hope you're ready to dive into some spiritual truths today! Let's talk about facing our challenges and enemies, just like David faced Goliath.

We're using the acrostic F.A.C.E. to help us tackle those “enemies of the cross of Christ” that can creep into our lives.

Philippians 3:18-21 really hits home here. It talks about how some people might look like they're on the right path but are actually focused on earthly things, making them enemies of the cross. Ouch, right?

The verse reminds us that our true home is in heaven, and we're waiting for Jesus to return and transform us into something glorious. What a promise!

So, how do we stand strong and overcome these challenges? **Let's focus on the letter “C” in F.A.C.E.** It's time to go deeper into what this means for us. Here are a few key takeaways to keep in mind:

The F.A.C.E. Framework

The **acrostic F.A.C.E.** encourages believers to confront their spiritual battles with intentionality and faith. **Each letter represents** a principle or practice that strengthens us in our journey:

Here's a simple acrostic to keep in mind when tackling challenges:

- F - Faith: Be fully convinced that God is **with** you. and **in** you. Trust Him completely, like David did when he faced Goliath. (**Romans 4:20-21**)

- A - Actions: Faith without action is incomplete. Put your belief into motion. (**James 2:20**)

- C - Charged: Stay spiritually charged! Prayer and speaking in tongues can uplift and build your spirit. (**1 Corinthians 14:4**)

- E - Effective: Be the “salt” of the earth—make an impact with your life by living with **integrity and character.** (**Matthew 5:13**)

Extra insights:

- 1. Personal Insights:** Take time to reflect on what God is teaching you personally. Pay attention to those little nudges from the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Examine Your Life:** It's so important to pause and check in with yourself. Are you living in harmony with God's word?
- 3. Take Care of Yourself:** You can't pour from an empty cup. Make sure you're **spiritually**, **emotionally**, and **physically** healthy.
- 4. Stay Close to God:** Dive into His word, spend time in prayer, and keep your relationship with Him strong.
- 5. Observe the seven "It's" in Abot 5:25: Stay close to God's word!**

Abot 5:25 (Quote from Jewish source)

"Turn **it** and turn **it** again, for all is in **it**. Look in **it**, grow gray and old in **it**, never turn away from **it**, for there is no better guide for you than **it**"

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- 6. Rewards for Intensity:** When we're deliberate and committed (the "**if**"), God promises rewards (the "**then**"). Lean into that promise.

Proverbs 2:1-5 (AMP)

- 1 MY SON, **if** you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
- 2 Making your ear attentive to skillful and godly Wisdom and inclining and directing your heart and mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it];
- 3 Yes, **if** you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
- 4 **If** you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures,
- 5 **Then** you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, **then** I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

The Call to Spiritual Awareness

The Christian Walk is not without its challenges. As Paul writes in **Philippians 3:18-19** (TLB), there are those who walk among us but act as "enemies of the cross of Christ."

These individuals prioritize earthly desires, placing their appetites and pride above their devotion to Jesus. This idolatry—putting anything or anyone above God—leads to spiritual stagnation and eternal loss.

To combat these obstacles, we must develop spiritual discipline, examine our lives, and align our priorities with God's will.

The Holy Spirit, our Helper as promised in **John 14:26**, is ever-present to guide and teach us.

By leaning into **His wisdom and power**, we can overcome the distractions and temptations that threaten our faith.

Let's not forget **John 14:26**—it's such a beautiful reminder that the Holy Spirit is our Helper and Teacher. He'll guide us and bring to mind everything we need, just when we need it.

So, this week, let's take **small steps** to apply what we're learning.

Regularly review these truths, jot down notes, and let them sink in. And most importantly, enjoy the journey with the Holy Spirit as your Teacher.

As you listen to the teaching you will discover those **Three Spiritual Weapons**.

Let's F.A.C.E. whatever comes our way with faith, courage, and trust in God.

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