

LIVING BEYOND YOUR FEARS

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Joy Infusion, part 7

BIG IDEA: Focusing on something greater than your fear is key to overcoming it.

²⁷ Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one Spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had & now hear that I have. **Phil. 1:27-30** CSB

1. Living worthy means _____
for what you value, choices you make, what you will do.

“We are citizens of heaven...” **Philippians 3:20** NTE

2. Live worthy of Who-and-What _____.

“You are the light of the world... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” **Mt 5:14-16** ESV

3. Living worthy means _____,
not running or hiding.

— Standing together in submission to God's Spirit (John 8:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:13)

— Seeking and maintaining authentic unity/oneness.

“I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me. ²² For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy. ²³ You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.” **John 17:21-23** TPT (Rom. 12:18)

— Living to advance God's kingdom and Gospel.

“We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal thru us.” **2 Corinthians 5:20**

4. Living worthy means _____—
instead of seeking the path of least resistance.

“But God's amazing grace has made me who I am! And his grace to me was not fruitless. In fact, I worked harder than all the rest, yet not in my own strength but God's, for his empowering grace is poured out upon me.”

1 Corinthians 15:10 TPT

Where do you need to stand firm?

Where do you need to take responsibility?

Who do you need to apologize to for failing to represent Jesus well?

What struggle are you running from that you need to lean into?