



**Main point - Stand and resist attacks on faith and enjoy the freedom of the gospel**

**Fight for faith by:**

- 1. Listening to biblical truth**
- 2. Holding tight to the gospel**
- 3. Standing firm when attacked**

**1 :**

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

*Matthew 13:20-22*

**2 :**

“The temptation, in times of waiting, is to focus on the thing we are waiting for, all the obstacles that are in the way our inability to make it happen, and all of the other people who haven’t seemed to have had to wait. Along with this we rehearse to ourselves how essential the thing is and how much we are daily losing in its absence. All of this increases our feeling of helplessness, our tendency to think our situation is hopeless, and our judgment that waiting is futile. While it’s true that Abraham considered the facts, they weren’t the focus of his meditation. No, his focus was on the God who had made this promise. Every day Abraham would get up and remind himself that the God who had made the promises on which he was waiting was absolutely able to deliver them. The God who made heaven and earth would have no trouble causing an old woman to deliver a promised child! Abraham didn’t fill his mind with his own weakness and the seeming futility of the situation. No, he filled his mind again and again with the glory of God’s immeasurable power, and as he did, he grew stronger and stronger in faith.”

*Paul Tripp  
A Shelter in the Storm*

**3 :**

“We need to remind ourselves that if we are Christians, we are already free. We are called to live out the freedom that is already ours and not to turn back to slavery. We are to live under grace instead of under the law...believers struggle with sin...and yet God has promised that believers will enjoy substantial, significant, and observable victory over sin.”

Thomas Schreiner  
Galatians: Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament