

Facing the Giants In Marriage

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Standing on His Promise for Your Marriage

1 Corinthians 15:58 His Promise for Your Pleasure

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory {*causes us to triumph*} through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. **Let nothing move you.** Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- > Death to our vision, our ideal, has to come before we can even receive His marriage vision for us.
- > Keys that keep us moving towards His promise:
 - >He gives us the victory
His victory means we need to train according to His plan
 - >Stand firm
Standing when you want to run is in His strength
 - >Give yourself fully to the work of the Lord
Don't check out of serving the Lord because you *didn't get it your way*. After all He is the King of Kings....Not the Burger King!
 - >KNOW *your labor* is not in vain (even if it feels like it)
This is where your faith as a couple keeps you going. Sometimes you feel all alone.
Remember...there is labor before birth.

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What Does Victory Feel Like?

1. How far does the victory extend beyond the moment?
2. In the film what is the difference between the victory and the promise fulfilled?
3. What changes when God fulfills His promise to you?
4. What changes in your marriage when together you see a promise fulfilled?

Testimony: Peter and Nancy Kampf

Key: You are called to be part of the promise so that the victory is integrated into your life as a couple and a family. You are now not just the result, **you are the testimony.**

1 Peter 1:3,4 Standing For The Promise

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

- > His divine power: We have to have a base from which we realize that promise is beyond ourselves. Our time table, Our emotions, Our hurts, Our vision.
- > Knowing the heart of God takes purpose. Grant: "I will love you no matter what"
- > What are the promises that relate to your situation? Key: Chapter and verse, not just what you think God would want to do.
- > This is not about marriage promises that "just happen". This is about you maturing in your relationship with God and with each other. Your participation happens when you have the heart of the Lord in the situation....and beyond. The answer is far bigger than a simple solution.
- > His promise + Our maturing = A living testimony in our lives that passes from generation to generation and victory over the enemy.

Game On: Standing Against the Giants 1 Peter 1:5-8

⁵ For this very reason, *make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸* For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- > **Your Very Best** > Make every effort to add to your faith



Goodness	doer of good >feeding the promise
Knowledge	aggressively understanding, studying the situation > seeing the promise
Self Control	having power over all things and the self > holding in to the promise
Perseverance	to endure, hold on to > not letting go but waiting on the promise
Godliness	a heart felt respect to God out of a relationship with him. > seeing a Christ centered promise
Brotherly kindness	grace given as the promise unfolds > being changed in the promise process
Love	agape > realizing Gods overcoming hand in the promise

- > **Your Maturity** > as these areas releases your ability to see His promises and to receive them into your marriage testimony. You are able to be ready for the greater things that He has for you to experience.

- > **Your Marriage is Changed**

New starting point	Ahead of where you were.
New vision	Not blocked by your "stuff."
New strength	Worked out by "overcoming."
New intimacy	The "walls of self" are broken down.

Homework: As a couple list the giants you see now or in the future of your marriage.