

Now Word Covenant Church
FAITH MANUAL
KEEP THE FAITH
Sunday, June 30, 2019

Introduction: In this series, “The Faith Manual”, we are continually building our faith in God, so we can build our relationship with Him. We have discussed: **Chapter 1 – Faith in God, Chapter 2 - Faith in Christ, Chapter 3 – Living by Faith, and Chapter 4 – The Gift of Faith.** This morning, we will conclude with **Chapter 5 – Keep the Faith!**

REVIEW:

2 Corinthians 5:7. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we **walk by faith, not by sight.** “We **relate with God by faith!**”

Today’s Message: *Keep the Faith*

2 Timothy 4:7. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (NKJV)

Points to the Teachings:

1. A _____ – “I have **fought the good fight**”

“Be a **solider** and **fight** the good fight.”

Fought a Good Fight – The struggle to stand firm and remain anchored by your faith in God to complete His mission against all opposing forces.

Spiritual Warfare: 1 Peter 5:8-9

- Test – from God
- Trials – from Life
- Temptations – from the Devil and Flesh

2. An _____ – “I have **finished** the race”

“Stay **disciplined** in your **faith** to win in life.”

1 Corinthians 9:26. So I **run with purpose** in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷. I **discipline my body** like an athlete, **training** it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. (NLT)

References: Galatians 5:7

3. A _____ – “I have **kept** the faith”

“**Preserve** the faith from **heretical** teachings.”

Kept the faith – To **preserve** the **truth** of the gospel and **protect** the **essential** doctrines of the church.

Acts 2:42. And they continued steadfastly in the **apostles’ doctrine** and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. (NKJV)

Jude 1:3. Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the **salvation** we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for **all entrusted** to the saints. (NIV)

My Commentary: “The State of the Church and Faith.”

➤ **The Message:** God-centered-God

Romans 11:36. For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be glory forever! Amen. (NIV)

➤ **The Worship:** Church versus Temple – Acts 2:46-47

- Temple – religious rules (Sunday)
- Church – relationship by faith (lifestyle)

➤ **The Millennials:** Faith and Reason – Romans 1:19-20

Reason: The process of the mind through which we can logically come to rational conclusions (verify or falsify).

Faith: The belief that God exists and His Words are the truth even though they may not come to rational conclusions (verified or falsified).

➤ **The Culture** – fight for social and moral order

- Neutralize the church and its beliefs
- Desensitize the next generation to sin
- Normalize sin in the culture

Romans 1:28. Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. (NLT)

Theonomous – **God’s Law** versus **Autonomous** – Self-Law