

PUSH BACK - WHAT'S THE POISON THAT'S SILENCED YOU?

POINTS TO PONDER:

- The Bible is not just a book. It's alive and it speaks to us.
- Events and circumstances can cause cracks in our spiritual foundation.
- Life can hit you so hard that you begin to question your faith.
- Life can be so unfair that it causes you to withdraw from God's best on your life.
- When prayers go unanswered it's easy to have an 'I give up' mentality.
- When your faith becomes weak you will cease to PUSH BACK against the darkness.

Have you ever felt to GIVE UP on God? Share your story.

Can you identify an event that caused a 'crack' in your faith? What happened?

READ - Daniel 10:1 – 14

SYNOPSIS: Daniel was in prayer for 21 days - seemingly no answer coming on the horizon. Yet, Daniel continues to press into his prayer. He doesn't give up. He doesn't give in. An angel shows up and assures Daniel that his answer was given the day he first prayed. Yet, it still took 21 days for the answer to arrive. The angel lets Daniel in on an unseen realm - there was a battle for Daniel's prayers. Daniel's prayers were being hindered by a spirit and this spirit was working to block his answer. Daniel kept PUSHING BACK against the darkness. He refused to quit.

Discuss this phrase: "It is better to die believing than live unbelieving."

What tempts you to 'GIVE UP' when praying over something?

How does discouragement impact your praying?

How many prayers have potentially gone unanswered because you quit PUSHING BACK against the darkness?

READ - Luke 10:17 - 20

SYNOPSIS: The disciples just return from a jaunt around the towns preaching the gospel and combating the realm of darkness with the authority Jesus had given them. They were elated that the demons were subject to their authority. They boast to Jesus of their works on their return. Jesus gives them insight about their enemy - the enemy has no authority over them. Furthermore, the enemy works like a snake and scorpion would work. The enemy simply kills you by poisoning you. The poison is set and the enemy waits to devour you.

THOUGHT: The devil doesn't attempt an instant 'assassination' on your faith. His operation tactic is to poison you. He uses life, friends, circumstances, and events to slowly poison your faith.

Have you been poisoned in your faith?

Have you been poisoned to not PUSH BACK against the darkness that opposes you?

Can you identify the poison?

What is the poison that has tried to silence you?