

listening prayer

prayerfully responding to the voice of God

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five sessions to deepen your experience of prayer



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session four:

walking out our calling in prayer

Moving through life with God is the day-to-day process of walking out what God has called us to do and be, whether it be in the marketplace or vocational ministry.

Session four covers THREE SPIRITUAL BATTLES that are common as we walk out our calling. While they are not the end of the discussion on spiritual warfare, they are typical for everyone who is pursuing the fulfillment of their calling in Jesus.

Battle #1: Believing God and Trusting God

God has spoken, but do we really trust Him? The enemy will ask you questions that will cause you to doubt God.

Will we believe God and trust in God?

Do we really trust enough to act?

Will we trust in times of delay?

Can we overcome contrary voices?

This is our training and proving ground.
We are growing and changing
through these types of battles.

The fulfillment of our
God-given assignment.

Our current location,
circumstances and
situation.

A Battle With Self

Overcoming disbelief is a battle over your own mind(s). You and your team will likely experience tension over whether you have made the right choice, set the right vision, and heard from God correctly.

These battles are spiritual in nature. The devil's first question in the bible was asked of Eve. "Did God really say?..." He will still ask you this question today.

Battle #2: Never Surrendering to the Devil

You may find it unthinkable that you would surrender to the devil, after all, you believe in Jesus! It's not so much that you'll participate in all his evil ways, but rather that his tactics cause you to abandon your calling.

As you begin to walk out your journey to the destination God has set before you, the devil will engage three of his most time-tested tactics to get you off track. How you respond to them are critical to continuing your path toward the fulfillment of God's call.

The devil wants you to agree with him and his destructive ways. God wants you to agree with His calling. The devil will play with your emotions and priorities. God will ask you to remain firm to His priorities.

Training Ground

Distraction:

- Trivial
- Emotional
- Serious
- Critical

We will put out a natural fire before we follow spiritual fire.

Discouragement:

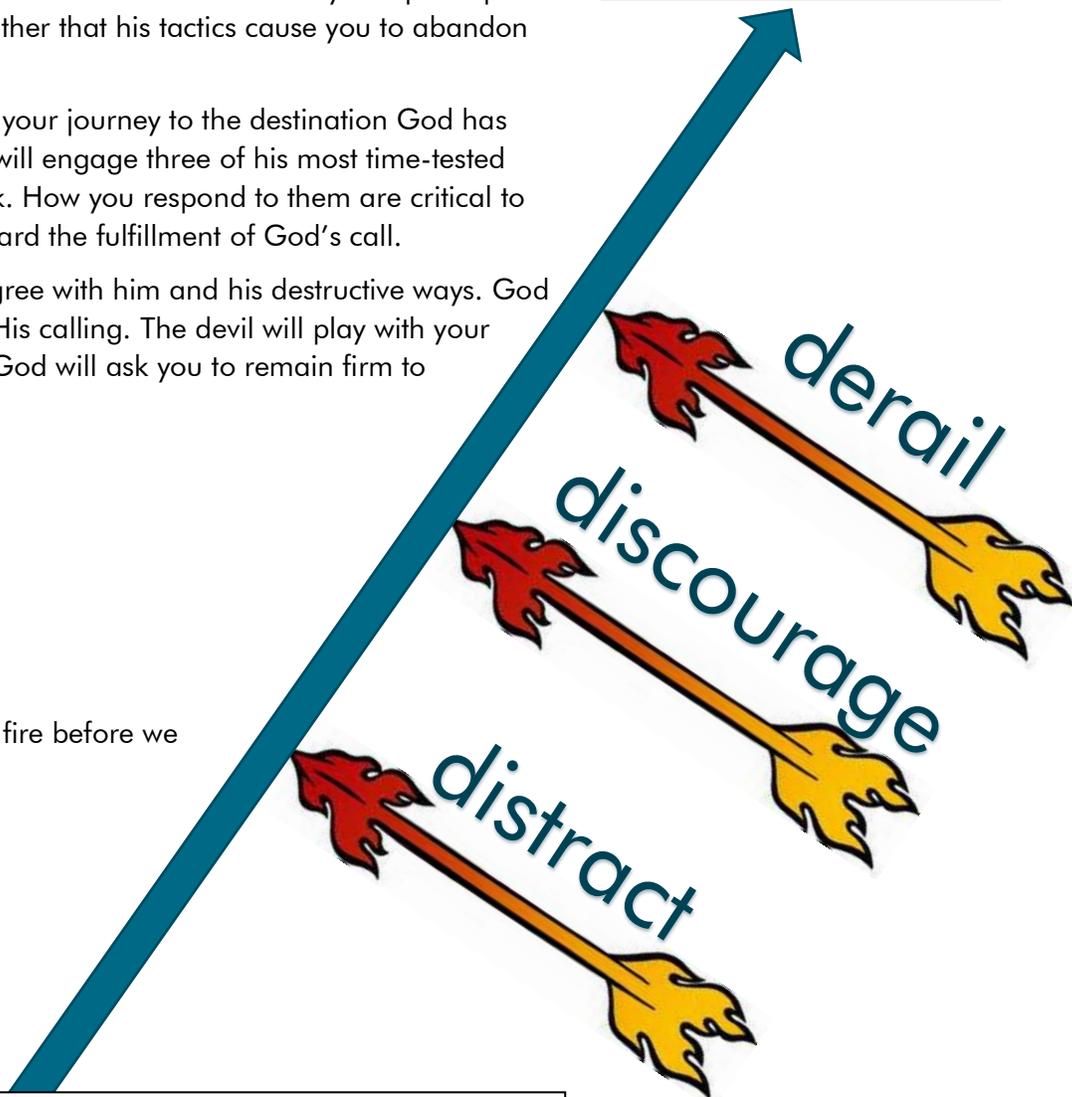
- Delay
- Dispute
- Opposition
- Egypt

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Before we are entirely derailed from our obedience to God, we must realize that we are dealing with Principalities, not Personalities. Fighting spiritual battles of distraction and discouragement leading to derailling, need to be met with spiritual declarations to the enemy of God.

We are moving, walking, in the direction of God's Call.

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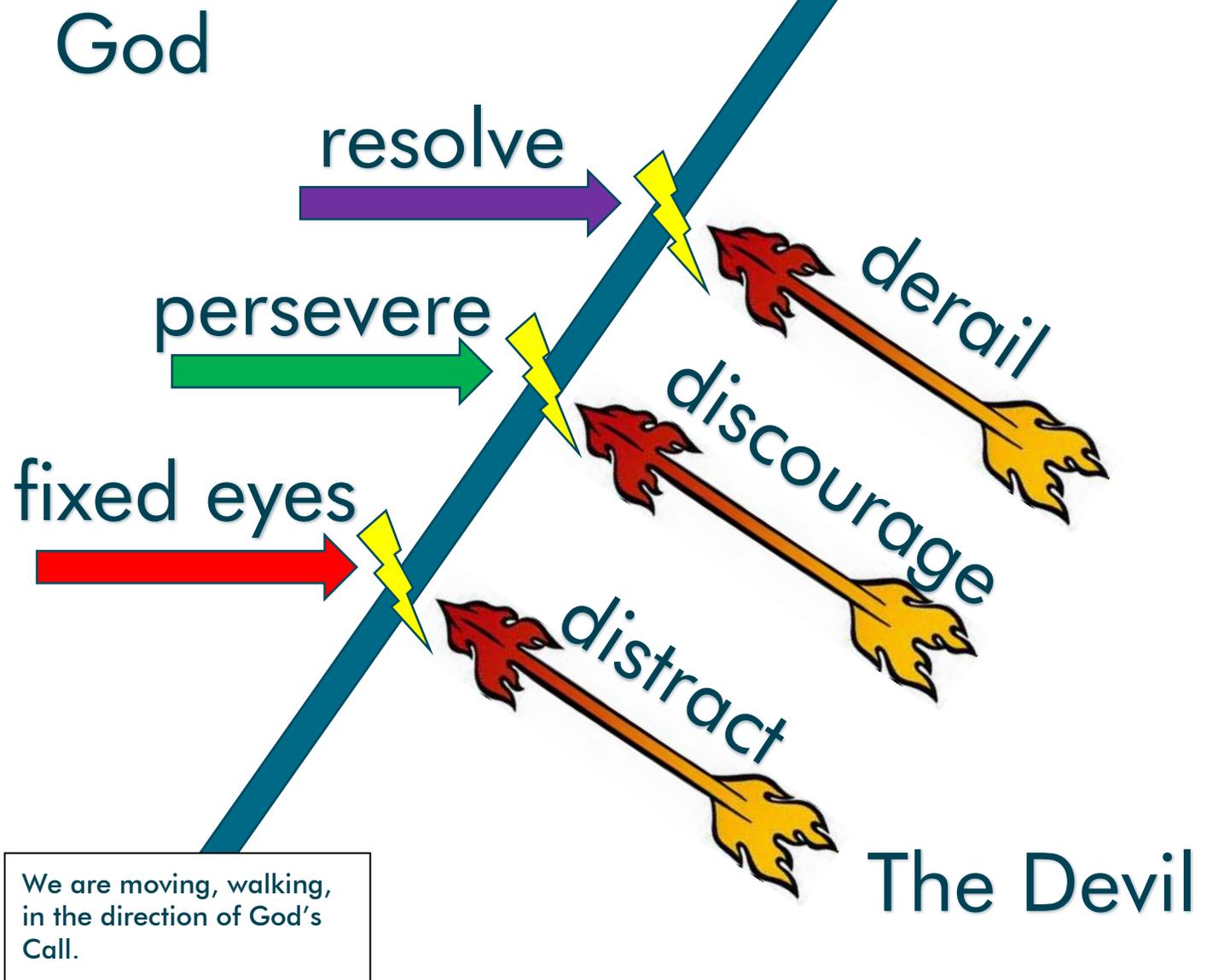


The Devil

Battle #3: Always Surrendering to Jesus

We must remember that the Lord will test our faith as we are walking out and working out our calling. Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, there were giants in the promised land, seventy-foot walls surrounded Jericho, Gideon faced an army that couldn't be counted with only 300 men, David faced Goliath with five smooth stones and a slingshot. You must surrender to the test, surrender whatever is keeping you from obeying God, and surrender your will in exchange for His.

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Training Ground

Fixed Eyes on Jesus overcome Distraction:

- Attention
- Intention
- Priority

Perseverance overcomes Discouragement:

- Determined in Delay
- Stand firm in Dispute
- Move beyond Opposition
- Remember Egypt is a trap

RESOLVE keeps us from derailing

God is teaching us, training us, testing us, and elevating us so we will learn Possibility, not Probability.

As God is training us, we are engaged in a different kind of spiritual battle. It is the battle for our elevation as His disciples. Staying close to Jesus in prayer is critical during times of testing.