

3 Examples of Fighting Faith

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power. (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

When Paul says that God fulfills our good resolves by his power through our faith, he means that we defeat sin and we do righteousness by being satisfied with all that God promises to be for us in Christ in the next five minutes, five months, five decades, and into eternity.

Here are three examples of how this might look in your life:

1. **If you set your heart to give sacrificially and generously**, the power of God to fulfill this resolve will come to you as you trust his future grace in the promise, "My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). And the promise, "Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). And the promise, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in

all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

2. **If you set your heart to renounce pornography**, the power of God to fulfill this resolve will come to you as you trust his future grace in the promise, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). "It is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell" (Matthew 5:29). Much better. Wonderfully better. All-satisfyingly better.

3. **And if you set your heart to speak out for Christ when the opportunity comes**, the power of God to fulfill this resolve will come to you as you trust his future grace in the promise, "Do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour" (Matthew 10:19).

May God increase our daily faith in his inexhaustible, blood-bought, Christ-exalting future grace.

- John Piper

Events

TODAY

Hawfields Ministry 3 PM
Baptism - Carol Goodnight
PM Service

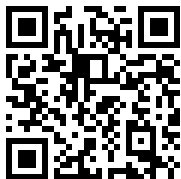
9/6 Small Groups 7:15 PM

9/9 Men's Revival Prayer
7:30 AM

9/9 Ladies Missionary
Society 9 AM

9/10 College/Career Lunch

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

the end draws near, and my time has come;

still, my soul will sing Your praise unending

ten thousand years, and then forever more!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:33-46, page 828

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

**#533 What a Friend We Have in
Jesus**

Preparatory

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart

High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

**Pastor Charles Fortner
To the Praise of His Glorious Grace**

1. What astonishing mercy and pow'r; in accord with His pleasure and will

He created each planet, each flow'r, ev'ry galaxy, microbe and hill;

He suspended this planet in space to the praise of His glorious grace,

To the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace.

2. With despicable self-love and rage, we rebelled and fell under the curse.

Yet God did not rip out the page and destroy all who love the perverse.

No, He chose us to make a new race, to the praise of His glorious grace,

To the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace.

3. Providentially ruling all things to conform to the end He designed,

He mysteriously governs, and brings His eternal wise plan into time.

He works out ev'ry step, ev'ry trace, to the praise of His glorious grace,

To the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace.

4. Long before the creation began, He foreknew those He'd ransom in Christ;

Long before time's cold hourglass ran, He ordained the supreme sacrifice.

In the Cross He removed our disgrace, to the praise of His glorious grace,

To the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace.

5. We were blessed in the heavenly realms long before being included in Christ.

Since we heard the good news, overwhelmed, we reach forward to seize Paradise.

We shall see Him ourselves, face to face, to the praise of His glorious grace,

To the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace.

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Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 18:1-19:8, page 269

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Preparatory

**#500 He Leadeth Me
For All the Saints**

1. For all the saints

who from their labors rest

Who Thee by faith

before the world confessed

Thy Name, O Jesus

be forever blessed

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock

their fortress and their might

Thou, Lord, their captain

in the well fought fight

Thou, in the darkness

drear, their one true Light

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O may Thy soldiers

faithful, true and bold

Fight as the saints

who nobly fought of old

And win with them

the victor's crown of gold

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. The golden evening

brightens in the west

Soon, soon to faithful

warriors comes their rest

Sweet is the calm

of paradise the blessed

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. But lo! There breaks

a yet more glorious day

The saints triumphant

rise in bright array

The King of glory

passes on His way

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds

from ocean's farthest coast

Through gates of pearl

streams in the countless host

Singing to Father,

Son and Holy Ghost

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon

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