



**NO PAIN
NO GAIN**

**Dealing with Life's Struggles
Part 1b**

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The Struggle Principle

The Christian Life Requires Us to...

...Walk by Faith Not by Sight (2 Cor 5:7)

Move Beyond Our:

- **Feelings**
- **Limitations**

Prepare for Battle:

- **Major Events (*Expected*)**
- **Everyday Struggles (*Unexpected*)**



The Struggle Pri



When We Choose to Walk by

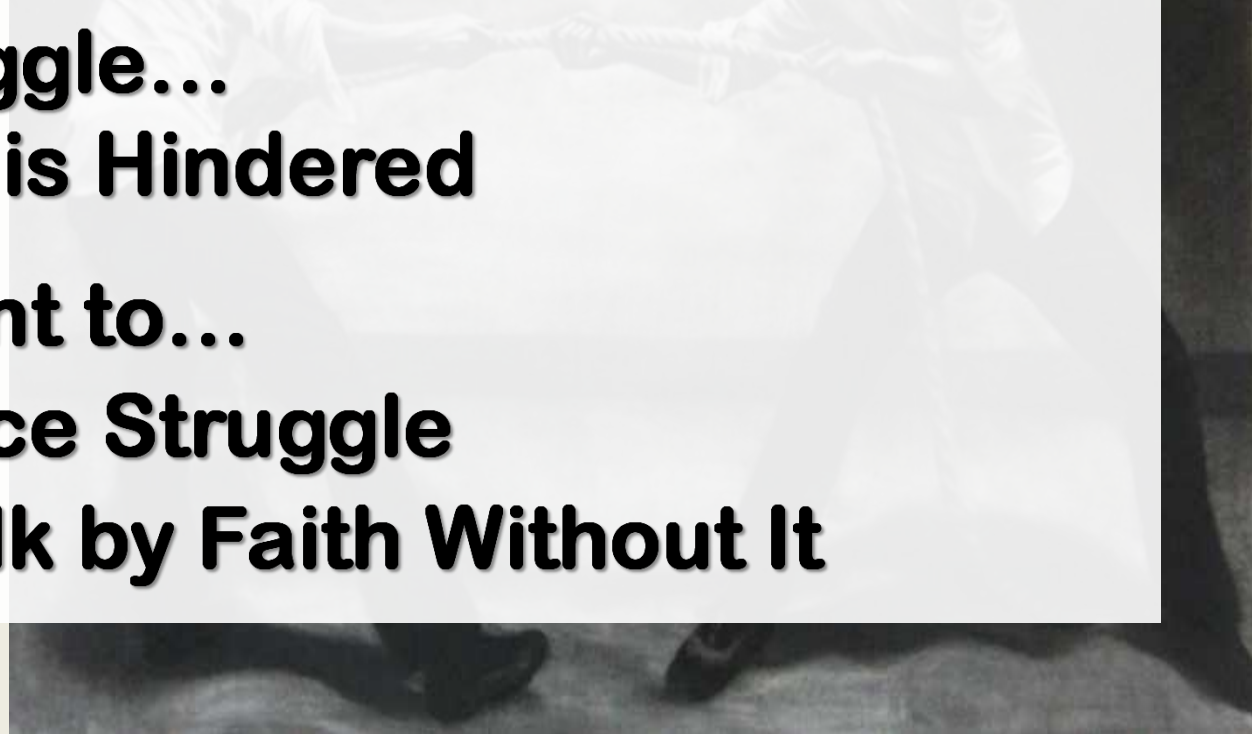
- **Met with Resistance**
- **Resistance = Struggle**

Without Struggle...

...Faith is Hindered

We Don't Want to...

- **Experience Struggle**
- **Can't Walk by Faith Without It**



Faith Without Struggle is...

- Weak
- Puny
- Ineffective
- Wishful thinking

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The Struggle Principle

**Whenever God Gives Us a Promise...
He Also...**

...Gives Us a Problem

...Problems Produce Struggle

- Abraham
- David

Faith Causes Us to Grasp the Promise...

...Problems Cause the Promise to Grab Back

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The Struggle Principle

Has God Given You a Promise...
And Your Facing...?

- Loss
- Hurt
- Health Problems

Remember...

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Struggle is a Sign...



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#1- There is Still Life in You!

- Potential

2 Cor 4:8-10- ⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

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#1- There is Still Life in You! -Potential

#2- **Satan Does Not Have You Yet**

▪ **Problem**

1 Cor 10:13, *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but*

God is Faithful,

who will not suffer you to be tempted above

That ye are able; but will with the temptation also

Make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”

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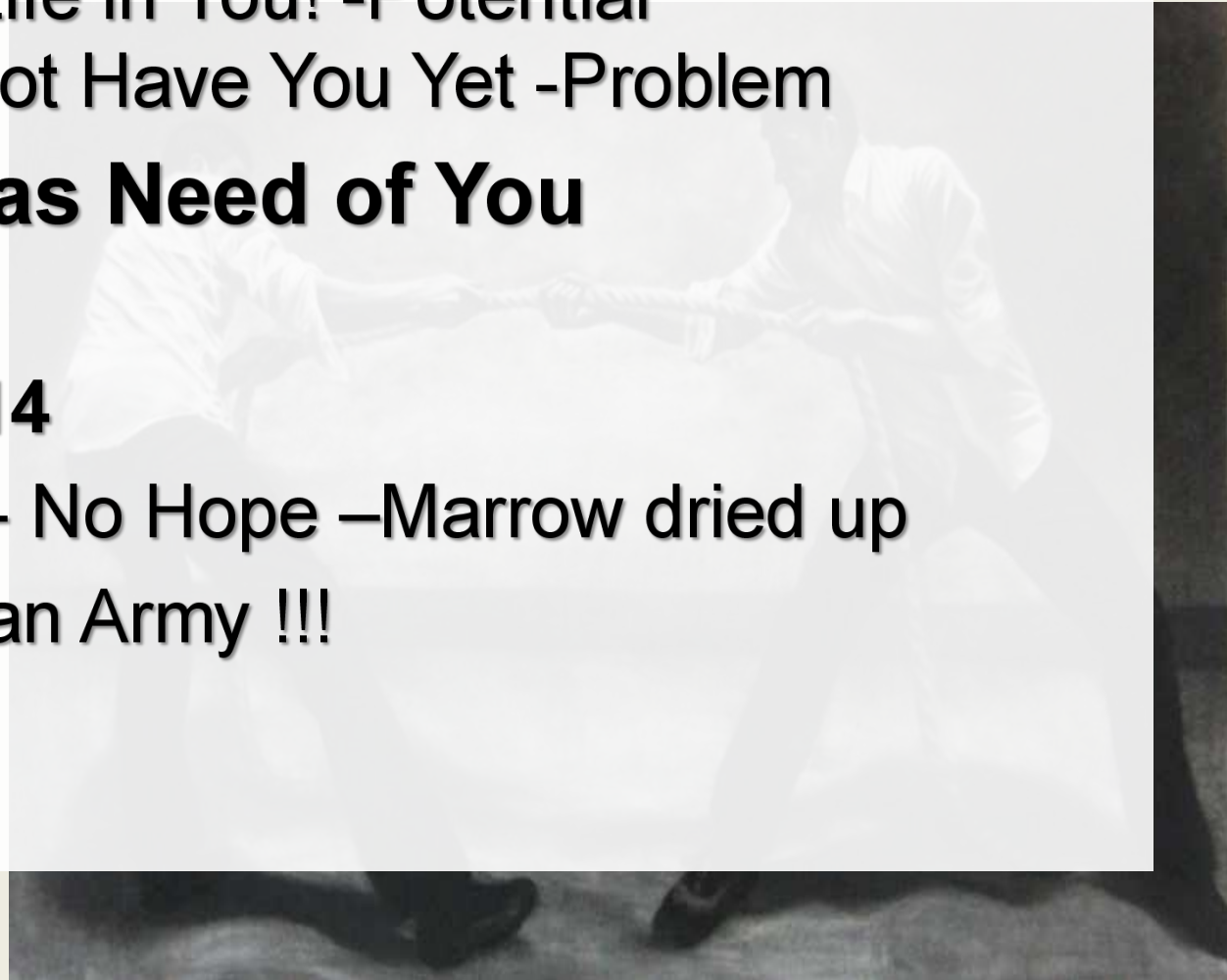
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- **Purpose**

- **Ezk 37:1-14**

- Dry bones- No Hope –Marrow dried up

- Raise up an Army !!!



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- **Power**

- **Zech 4:6-⁶** *Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

- **2 Cor 4:7** *-But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

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#5- Break Thru is On the Way

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- **Many** (*abundant and Increasing*)
- **Afflictions** (*stress- struggles*)
- **Righteous** (*God's Children*)
- **Lord** (*Self-Existent One - Father*)
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Struggle and Psalms 34:19

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Notice:

- **Promise (same)**
- **Method (different)**

***God Steps Up, in Front of, Pulls You Out,
Pulls You Through***

- **Results (same)**

Romans 8:37, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us”

Thank you Lord,
FOR MY
STRUGGLES
for without them,
I would have
never known
MY STRENGTHS.



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Isa 40:29-31, “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: ³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”

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