



PART ONE: THE CORNER

Toby Newnum June 18&19, 2016

2TIMOTHY4.6&7

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.

UNDERSTAND WHO YOU'RE FIGHTING

DECIDE WHO YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR

WHO'S WORKING YOUR CORNER?

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STEPS

1. OPEN YOUR EYES

Most of us have seen the original Rocky movie and heard the line "Cut me mick!" Rocky's eyes were so swollen he couldn't see. Mick made the incision and opened his eyes so he could fight. Sometimes we have battles in our lives that are hard to recognize. Sometimes we think we are winning when our close friends can see that we are actually in trouble. Working through a tough time? A difficult decision? Pray for sight. Read the Bible on your own but read and share ideas with friends. Confide, confess, make sure your eyes are really open to the challenges you face.

2. FOCUS YOUR FIGHT ON HELPING OTHERS

Some of the emptiest, loneliest, disappointed people are those who believed the fight in life was for themselves. We hear it again and again how people fight and achieve their material or status goals only to find it to be a hollow experience. But when we take up the cause for someone else who can't fight for themselves. When we help the poor, the orphans, the elderly, the single parent, the sick, the incarcerated – those who need love and support, then our fight is worthwhile and pleasing to God.

3. INVITE GOD TO YOUR CORNER

God knows how to beat the opponent. Often if we went with our own instincts we would lose. Ever heard of someone being tried for murder in a big case who gets mad at his lawyer and then decides to represent himself in court? Everybody knows that's a bad move. It's a bad move to go into fight without the very best coach in your corner. Completely put your faith in God. Listen to Him. Obey His direction. Feed upon His encouragement. Our spiritual opponent cannot defeat God. Though we will hit the mat many times and get cuts and bruises, when we ask God to work our corner and follow every command – we win... every time.



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