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1 TIM. 1:18-19

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What command?
Cf - 1 Tim.1:3 "As I urged you upon my departure form Macedonia, **remain on at EPHESUS**…"

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2 Chr 20:14-15,17 [14] Then in the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel…[15] and he said, "Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's…[17] You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the Lord is with you."

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2 Chr 20:20-22 [20]Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the Lord your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed." [21] When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the Lord and those who praised ***Him*** in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to the Lord, for His lovingkindness is everlasting." [22] When they began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were routed.

2. KEEPING THE FAITH

ABRAHAM - ROM. 4:18-20

18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.” 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.”

2. KEEPING THE FAITH

ABRAHAM REVIEWED HIS PROPHETIC WORDS

1ST WORD - Gen. 12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.” 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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2ND WORD – Gen. 15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir.” 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir.” 5 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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3RD WORD – Gen. 17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old
the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk
before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me
and you, and will multiply you exceedingly 3 Then Abram fell on his face;
and God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be
the father of a multitude of nations.

3. KEEPING A GOOD CONSCIENCE

DAVID, NABAL AND ABIGAIL'S WORD – 1 SAM. 25

1 Sam. 25:28, 30-31 [28] "Please forgive your servant's presumption. The Lord your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the Lord's battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live...[30] When the Lord has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, [31] my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself..."

GOD IS A PROPHETIC SHEPHERD!

John 6:63 - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

THE END