

# FIRST THINGS

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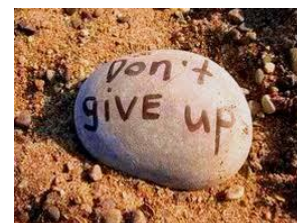
## **DON'T GIVE UP** Pastor Rev. Powell



If we live long enough, life will present us with times of trouble and struggles. Pretty much this reality is inescapable. I know this to be true from my own life. I also know this to be true because lately, I've had conversations with many who are struggling with something. Some are struggling with the loss of a job, home, loved one, marriage and the list goes on. I even know of people whose struggles are causing them to lose faith in God because they've been dealing with this struggle for a long time. They're ready to give up. They're tired of fighting all the time and they wonder when it all ends. Has there ever been a time where you

felt like giving up? Has there ever been a time where you lost hope when it came to your future? Has there ever been a time where your faith became weak? If so, I must say this loudly, Don't Give Up! Even though your struggles are taking you on an emotional rollercoaster ride don't give up. Now, I know it is easier said than done, but you must hold on. No matter what you're dealing with hold on to your faith. I repeat, hold on to your faith no matter what your situation looks like and no matter how it feels. Don't allow your troubles to have power over you, causing you to leave the faith. I believe the mistake that we make sometimes is we think having faith dismisses us from struggles, but it doesn't. On the other hand it does equip us to handle it when it comes. In fact, God equips us to handle it. He equips us through His word that still has power to empower us during the times of struggle. God's word still has the ability to keep us and sustain us during our daunting

times. That's why it's so important for us to read the word daily. Through the word, we still know that we're more than conquerors through Him who loves us. Through the word, we still know that we can do all things through Him who strengthens us. Through the word we know that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Through the word, we know that we're still connected to a God who is able to turn our struggles into victories. Trouble doesn't last always. Understand, our struggles aren't the end. Life isn't over. In fact, it's the opportunity for us to see God do a miracle. No, I can't tell you when, but I know God is faithful. So hold on to your faith tight and don't give up. Keep pressing, keep pushing, keep praying, and keep believing. Keep the faith. Mostly, don't give up.





## I'M A FIGHTER

For this day I declare will be  
different from all my  
yesterdays  
Because today I will rise with  
courage  
And fight against those things  
that try to discourage  
Where I'm no longer KO'd  
from life's surges

For I'm going to step into the  
ring of life  
So I can face my opponent to  
fight, fight, and fight  
For now I'm ready to do 12  
rounds  
Pursue my opponents until I  
knock them down

Whether I win by TKO,  
knockout, or decision  
I'm ready to go the distance  
Going in with all intentions to  
win it  
Seeking to dethrone hurt,  
pain, and fear my nemesis

For they've thrown their  
barrage of punches  
That was hitting me in  
bunches  
But somehow I stood and  
sustained their onslaught  
As I fought trying not to get  
caught

For I refuse to be stopped, I've  
took their best shot  
While they tried to punch  
away my hope

But like Muhammad Ali I did  
the rope a dope  
While a small voice in me  
kept saying hold on and don't  
let go

The voice said, You have to  
keep fighting and don't quit  
Keep bobbing, weaving, slip,  
and even dip  
You're a fighter not a coward  
or wimp  
Just look inside, you're fully  
equipped

For you've been trained by  
the best  
One who's above all the rest  
For He's trained the greatest  
fighter the world has ever  
known  
One who still holds the world  
record and sits on the thrown

Pound for pound He is a  
heavy weight contender  
The one that many have  
surrendered  
For Jesus is His name  
The one who still reigns

For He's holds the titles of  
Messiah, Anointed, Christ,  
even King  
He can take anything and  
remove their sting  
And as long as you believe  
You too will be able to do the  
same things

So I thank you God for that  
small voice inside me  
Because you reminded me of  
the King  
The King who's also in me  
That enables me to handle the  
ring

So this morning I'm ready to  
fight  
Fight against pain, hurt, and  
fear that tried to beat down  
my mind  
I know I can make it because I  
have what it takes inside  
Because I'm a fighter made in  
God's Image, I'm one of a  
kind

By  
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### Two U.S. Dollar Bills Are Talking. Then One Of Them Says This Hilarious Thing.

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they strike up a conversation.

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to a Methodist Church, a Baptist Church, a Lutheran Church."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

If you liked this, please share by using the buttons below

## Announcements:

**Conference Prayer Call**  
Our conference call prayer line has started. Each Monday at 6:30 am, you will be able to join Reverend Powell on a conference call as he offers prayer. What a great way to start your weekday. Just dial 1-641-715-3580 and when prompted put in access code 365513. **Remember, prayer is power.**

### Senior Ministry

Please join Rev. Powell May 15th at 2pm for senior ministry.

### Hallelujah Singers

The Hallelujah singers are looking for more enthusiastic singers. If you are interested, please see Rev. Powell after the service. The singers perform on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

### Soccer Clinic

On July 23, 2014, there will be a soccer clinic for youth ages of 5-13. The clinic is 10am - 1pm. Anyone who wants to register their child please see Rev. Powell. Early registration is recommended however, you can also register on the day of the camp at 9:30am.



## Register Today for the World Mission Conference

### Three Great Opportunities:

#### Hear the Call Retreat July 1 - 4

Hear the Call is a high-intensity weekend retreat for adults who are exploring a call to become global missionaries. Starting Friday evening, July 1st, at the Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin, you will interact with missionaries and staff who will help you evaluate if God is calling you into cross-cultural global mission service.

#### World Mission Conference July 4 - 9

Celebrate the 4th of July with hundreds of friends with a

picnic, mission program and fireworks at the Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin!

#### Rhythms of the Spirit July 9 - 13

Stay on after the World Mission Conference and deepen your spiritual walk as you encounter God through singing, prayer, silence and fellowship with others. This conference, offered in a retreat style, is a unique opportunity to explore and practice the contemplative life together. For more information on leaders, schedule, and registration, visit: [www.rhythmsofthespirit.com](http://www.rhythmsofthespirit.com).

### ON SITE REGISTRATIONS OPENS

Friday, July 1, 2016  
1:00 PM

### WHERE

Green Lake Conference Center  
W2511 WI-23, Green Lake, Wisconsin 54941  
(920) 294-3323

# The Armor of God

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17



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WAIST	SALVATION	BELT	FEET	FAITH
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
1 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Christian Ed Meeting	2 5:00 STSK	3 5:00 STSK	4 5:00 STSK	5 6:30 Choir	6	7 10:00 ESL 12:30 Bible Study
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## Bible Quiz

1. Who said: "If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it?"
  2. To whom did God say: "I AM THAT I AM?"
  3. Who uttered these beautiful words: "The heavens declare the glory of God"
  4. To Whom, and how, did Jesus say we should pray?
  5. With whom are these words associated: "Thou God seest me?"
- a. Hagar (Genesis 16:13)
  - b. David (Psalm 19:1)
  - c. Gamaliel (Acts 5:39)
  - d. Moses (Exodus 3:14)
  - e. To our Father in heaven, "Enter into thy closet" (Matthew 6:6)

(answers: 1.c, 2.d, 3.b, 4.e, 5.a)

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