

## **Grab Your Spiritual Surfboard and Ride the Waves!**

Life can throw many waves at you. The waves at times can be strong and other times very weak. Just like a surfer though, in the natural world, we need to ride the waves. Waves in the natural don't last long. When you go to the beach and watch the waves, you see them start and then finish. They do not last long. It is the same with life's waves. They do begin but they eventually end. Even in our marriages we need to realize life's waves come and go. II Corinthians 4:18, While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

We must learn to grab our Spiritual Surfboard and ride those waves victoriously to the end. Another words, stand and keep standing and when you do you will come out victoriously.

Our Spiritual Surfboard represents the Word of God. The waves represent our circumstances and situations we face on a day-to-day basis. The surfers wet suit represents the armour of God. Have you seen surfers out in the water, and they are waiting for the right wave. They hop on their surfboard and gracefully ride that wave. They make it so simple but, in all actuality, they did not get there overnight.

Through mistakes(wipeouts) they learned what to do and what not to do. They never gave up. When they wiped out, they just got back up on their surfboard to do it again. They never quit.

The word says in Ephesians 6:10-13, Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

There is God's part and then there is ours. Like any parent, teacher, or instructor they expect us to eventually do things on our own and stand on our own. To recognize what to do and what not to do. It is the same with God. We start out as babies, then toddlers, juniors, then adults. There comes a time in our walk with the Lord that he expects us to stand on our own two feet and come to him and ask for ourselves. The way we do this is, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow there by. (I Peter 2:2) Romans 10:17, So then faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the word of God. The word builds your confidence, I John 5:14 and 15, And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Surfers prepare before they go out and like the surfers we need to prepare. You don't see them going out into the water to catch a wave without their surfboard or their wet suit. Nope, they have it on them and with them. In that, they have great confidence that they will be able to catch that wave and ride it all the way in. The wave won't have them they will have the wave.

It is the same with us as believers. We prepare by putting on the full armour of God and having the word in our hearts, which becomes our spiritual surfboard, we are then able with great confidence to overcome any wave whether big, small, strong or weak that life throws at us.

Have you watched the surfers; they look for the big, huge honkin waves to catch. We would look at them and say, Nope, not happening. They look at them and see an opportunity to overcome it. When you are facing a big, huge wave in life, look at it as an opportunity show that you serve a big God that is bigger than any wave that may come your way.

Yes, Jesus did speak to the Wind and the Waves, and they did obey. We too, can do the same. But this teaching is talking about, the Fight of Faith. There are times you will have to stand strong on the word, then keep standing, but know this, just like the surfer on natural waves, you will be standing at the end victoriously, because you did not quit and you did not give up.

**Love and Many Blessings,**

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