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Determination
& Faith

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EXTREME FAITH

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God Through Jesus

DETERMINATION & FAITH

The power to change the world

What are you determined to do? What are you going to do or get no matter the odds that you face, or the obstacles that come in your way?

Your determination will decide the fate of your goal, the faith that you have will fuel your determination. So how much faith do you have and how determined you are will most ultimately decide your fate.

There is this awesome story of a woman who encountered Jesus to see that her daughter would be healed. Now this woman had in many ways no right to seek Jesus out as she was a Canaanite, and a woman. Back then women were not supposed to talk to men. This did not matter to her one bit, she was determined and believed that Jesus could solve her problem. So facing many obstacles and never taking no for an answer this woman received what she was asking for and her daughter was healed. Jesus was amazed by her faith. So take your attention back to the questions that you were being asked at the beginning of this article. Is there anything that comes to mind, is there anything that you are going to do no matter what? If there is how determined are you, how much faith are you going to apply to it? When you answer these questions you can then and only then know if you will get it done. Looking at the things we want to do and realizing that they are going to be hard is a lot like our relationship with Jesus. We know we have it and we know we want it to grow, but sometimes we just don't know

how to make it happen. This is because we might not have given enough thought to the obstacles that are going to come our way as we seek to grow our relationship.

Relationships are hard at best, they require time and energy, if they are going to grow and survive. If we want our relationship with Jesus to be something more than it is currently we are going to have to apply determination and faith to it daily.

If there are things that we want out of life we must apply determination and faith to them so that we might be able to achieve them. I will assure you that there will be obstacles that come and people who will tell you that you have no right to achieve such things, but you are empowered with the Holy Spirit and that changes everything. Check out Romans 8:37-39. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. When you start to realize the power that is in you through your faith that you have in Jesus, you will realize that all things are possible. To strengthen our relationship with Jesus we must realize that depth of the relationship that He wants to have with us. All the power on the earth and in the heavens will never separate us from His love. That is a power source that you can grow in and from. Increase your determination and your faith and you will achieve things you never thought possible! Life is a glorious adventure! Don't miss out!

Would you rather...?

...get something easy or have to work hard for it?

...be tested or question everything?

THINK

DIG IN

What are you determined to do?

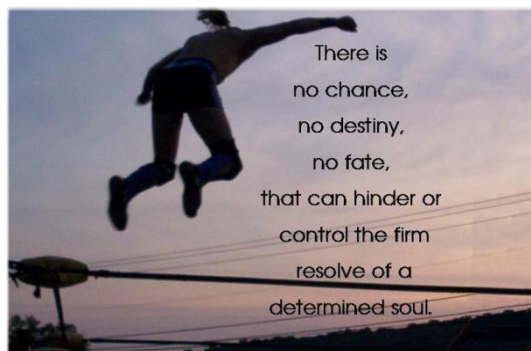
What obstacles do you face?

What does faith have to do with your determination?

What does it mean to be conquerors?

What have you conquered?

Who conquered it for you?



There is
no chance,
no destiny,
no fate,
that can hinder or
control the firm
resolve of a
determined soul.

Why do you think this verse is important?

How can this verse increase your faith and your determination?

Romans 8:37-39

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CHARACTER

Every day our character is on the line...Will give up because it got hard or we got tired? Will we press on with determination and faith, and see the impossible become possible. We all know that it is hard out there and things can get pretty tough with obstacles in the way and people telling us we are not good enough and we don't deserve to live life to the full. To live life to the full you must pull from all your faith and declare that it is yours to have. This week I want you to live with determination to deepen your relationship with Jesus. There will be many things that get in your way as you seek to know Him more there will be thoughts that say you are not worthy. You must be determined and faith filled to experience life to the full.

THE WHOLE STORY

and what we should learn from it...

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon- possession."

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

What do we learn about the people:

The woman

She was determined

She was not easily offended

She would go through anything to get what she needed.

She had great faith!

Jesus:

Jesus loves this woman

Jesus longs to see her faith played out

Jesus is amazed by people with strong determined faith!

Jesus will give us what we seek

God:

God loves to see our faith in action

God wants us to know who we are and claim what is ours.

God will accept any who come to Him with faith and determination.

Us:

We need to press in and have determination in our faith.

We must grow in our faith always!

TRY THIS: SET SOME GOALS!

SPEND TIME EACH DAY PRAYING
MAKE IT A POINT TO THANK GOD
READ FROM THE BIBLE
PRAY WITH YOUR PARENTS
INVITE SOMEONE TO XGT
JOURNAL SOME THOUGHTS
THINK ABOUT GOALS YOU HAVE
WORK ON YOUR GOALS
CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO SHARE
THE GOSPEL WITH AT LEAST ONE
PERSON THIS YEAR!
ASK GOD WHY HE LOVES YOU?

YOU CAN COME UP WITH YOUR OWN AS
WELL BUT THE MAIN THING IS TO BE DOING
SOMETHING! ANYTHING AT ALL IS BETTER
THAN NOTHING!

GO FOR IT!

TAKE SOME TIME AND JOURNAL.

Take the Character Challenge...

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