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Topic – Handling Haters: When Your Faith has to Fight!

John 18

1 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went to it.

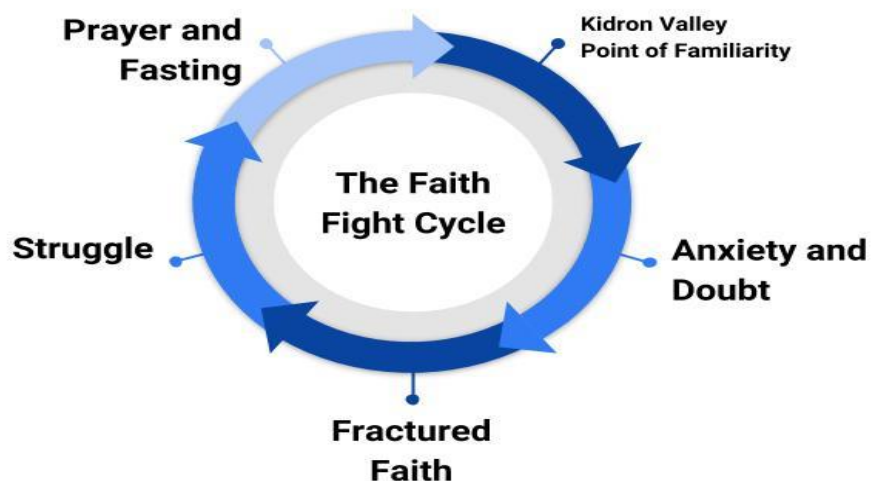
2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

Questions

What is your Kidron Valley?

What is your point of familiarity?

What is the common and consistent adversary that attacks you after you prayer time and fasting season?



Luke 4

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

1 Samuel

10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

Acts

1 On the day of Pentecost all of the Lord's followers were together in one place. 2 Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. 3 Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. 4 The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

12 Everyone was excited and confused. Some of them even kept asking each other, "What does this mean?" 13 Others made fun of the Lord's followers and said, "They are drunk."

Philippians 4:6

6. Be anxious for nothing, in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

What has contaminated your thanksgiving and has caused you to be anxious?

Does this jeopardize your requests to God by fracturing your faith?

Hebrews 11:6

6. But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.

Do you search for the solutions to your own problems or do you search for God?

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3 Judas had promised to betray Jesus. So he went to the garden with some of the Roman soldiers and temple police, who had been sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees. They carried torches, lanterns, and weapons. Jesus already knew everything that was going to happen, but asked, "Who are you looking for?"

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15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That disciple knew the high priest, and he followed Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest's house. Peter stayed outside the gate. But the other disciples came back out and spoke to the girl at the gate. She let Peter go in,¹⁷ but asked him, "aren't you one of the man's followers?" No I am not!" Peter answered.

"I can't believe what you say because I see what you do" James Baldwin