Casting Down Arguments (series)

**5—WORDS OF FAITH & PRAYER**

(arguments, lies, high things, thoughts, fiery darts)

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1. **Have faith**
2. **Speak your faith directly to the mountain**
3. **Pray to God in faith**

**2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (NKJV)** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** **casting down arguments** and every **high thing** that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ.

**Ephesians 6:11, 16–17 (NIV)** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against **the devil’s schemes.** **… VERSE 16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17** Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**.

**THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USING THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT… AND USING THE SHIELD OF FAITH.**

**WE USE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHEN WE SPEAK OUT OR VOICE THE WORD OF GOD**

**EX – Remember how Jesus used the sword on the devil in the wilderness.**

**WE USE THE SHIELD OF FAITH WHEN WE SPEAK OR VOICE OUR FAITH IN GOD.**

**EX – Remember what Jesus said as soon as Jairus heard that his daughter had died? He said, *“*Do not be afraid; only believe.”**

**HEZEKIAH & JERUSALEM ATTACKED**

(2 Kings 18–19, 2 Chronicles 32, Isaiah 36–37)

**Isaiah 36:1–2 (NKJV)** Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. **2** Then the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem…

**2 Chronicles 32:2, 6–8 (NKJV)** And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem **… VERSE 6** he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying, **7** “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him **[remember Elisha & his servant?]**. **8** With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

**Isaiah 36:4–5** Then the Rabshakeh said to them, “Say now to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: “What confidence is this in which you trust? **5** I say you speak of having plans and power for war; but they are mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

**2 Chronicles 32:18–19 (NKJV)** Then they called out with a loud voice in Hebrew **[what do you know… the enemy is using words too]** to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city. **19** And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth—the work of men’s hands **[these words are a very important part of the warfare]**.

**Isaiah 37:15–20 (NKJV)** Then Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying: **16** “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. **17** Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the **words** of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. **18** Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, **19** and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. **20** Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord, You alone.”

**2 Kings 19:35–36 (NKJV)** And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. **36** So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh.

**WHAT DID JESUS SAY???**

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**WORDS & THOUGHTS? –– YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO QUENCH ALL**

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**SATAN & DEMONS? –– YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY BIND, RESIST, AND CAST OUT**

**James 4:7 (NKJV)** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**Mark 16:17 (NKJV)** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons.

**PEOPLE? –– WE NEED TO CALL ON GOD**

**Joshua 1:5 (NKJV)** No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)** ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

**Romans 8:31 (NKJV)** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?