Five Steps to Fruitful Faith

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2. Confidence in God’s goodness and power
3. Forgiveness for others
4. Submitting (surrendering) to God’s will
5. Resisting the devil

Many believers have contacted me lately because they are fearful and unsure about the days we are experiencing and the increasingly dangerous future the world seems to be facing. There are:

- Wars and rumors of war,
- Strange things in the sky,
- Nation rising up against nations,
- Famines and pestilences,
- Earthquakes in various places,
- Rampant wildfires,
- Severe droughts and blizzards,
- The unstable economy,
- The growing worry about our food supply and safety.

Today many are trying to keep the Words of Christ, but they are trying in their own strength and power. They have been taught (or arrived at their own conclusions) that their strength of character and their doing of good deeds is what makes them good Christians. If they are not disciplined enough in their own strength, many believe (including themselves) that they are not really strong Christians. So they either try harder, hope for God’s grace to cover their deficiencies, or just give up.

How important is your personal discipline as a Christian? It is important, of course; but personal discipline alone cannot turn you into SuperChristian who can leap over tall buildings standing in the way of a strong relationship with God and stop speeding demons with one hand. What else is involved? Let me repeat the 5 steps once more:

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4. Submitting (surrendering) to God’s will
5. Resisting the devil

Some believers have been taught that faith is something they can “pump up” into being. One of my favorite explanations of faith is a composite of many of the correct definitions of faith—faith basically means trust and confidence in the goodness and power of God towards you. You either believe in God’s goodness and power towards you or you’re unsure of it. Think of getting on a cross-continent airplane. You can’t just commit 80% of yourself to board the airplane, holding back the other 20% just in case. There is no future in believing 80% of what the Bible tells you, either. You’re either all in or you are not!

To repeat the five steps of fruitful faith means that you have or are fully committed to:

1. Trust in God’s goodness and power
2. Confidence in God’s goodness and power
3. Forgiveness for others
4. Submitting to God (obeying His will)
5. Resisting the devil
Can you see that this does not mean that you don’t have to do anything else if you are sure that you believe in all of His Word? Does this mean that if just believe in God’s goodness, then everything’s okay; He will take care of the rest? No. There are certain things you do have to do in addition to “having faith.”

One of my favorite verses about this is: “Draw near to God, and He will draw nigh unto you.” (James 4:8).

You can grow somewhat complacent about staying near to God at times when everything is going really well; but what about when you find yourself in a situation where you really need Him? Many think that going to church on Sunday, singing in the choir, and paying their tithes keeps them spiritually fit and on track to ask God for anything. They are wrong.

If you want to keep growing spiritually, you should never take your relationship with God for granted, nor perhaps pay a lesser amount of attention to it when everything is running fine. Suddenly a major temptation or a huge trouble may confront you or disappointment or fear overwhelm you, and you may be out of up close and personal prayer and contact with God. You may find yourself out in the world on your own for a lesson in learning about drawing close to Him at all times!

A good athlete doesn’t just leap into a competition and hope that the eating and exercising and resting right from two months ago keeps him or her ready to compete today. He or she stays in training; he or she eats right, exercises right, rests right, and is prepared at all times. A smart athlete is always ready for action.

You cannot draw near to God if you are harboring unforgiveness, anger, or any desire to get even with others (or have other ungodly attitudes) in your heart. The Bible says Mark 11:25-26 tells us: “Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” You can’t pray with fruitful faith if you are holding onto unforgiveness and anger in your heart toward someone.

Sweetly singing All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give, while stubbornly denying that you are holding onto wrong beliefs, offenses, unforgiveness, judgment, criticalness, and covetousness is spiritual hypocrisy that is dangerous to you and yours. The state of how close you draw near to God really can affect your family.

In my early days of my Christianity, when I was once very angry at someone who had inflicted deep pain in my life, I remember being told that I had to forgive every person, every time, all the time, regardless of what had been done to me. I recoiled from that, crying out, “God, that’s not fair!”

I remember having a distinct impression that God replied, “I don’t deal in what you think is fair. I deal in what I know is right and what is best for all involved.”

I admit that I really struggled with complying with this command of God’s Word. It was some time later before I began to understand the power of binding my will to the will of God and loosing all of the rigid mindsets and old patterns of thinking toward those who had hurt me. I realized I could make room within me for His help when I loosed stronghold thinking and unforgiveness. I realized I could expect to receive empowerment from the Lord to cast off deeply entrenched wrong attitudes.

Forgiveness is God’s “get out of your unsurrendered soul’s jail free” card so you can get on with your life’s destiny—the good works, the good paths, the good life (Ephesians 2:10 AMP). It is important that you realize that how He deals with the other person is none of your business. Let it go! You’re free from the pain and grief of the past and pushed towards the future. That’s what really counts. Another point of clarification:

1. Unforgiveness is not an unhealed hurt
2. Unforgiveness is not an unmet need
3. Unforgiveness is not an unresolved issue

Unforgiveness is a rebellious, disobedient attitude of an unsurrendered soul that needs to loosed and released along with the wrong beliefs and patterns of thinking that try to justify its existence.

There are three questions I ask people who say they have forgiven others who have negatively impacted their lives (yet they still seem to be mixed up in the turmoil and pain).

The first thing I ask is can they ask God to bless the ones they say they have forgiven. Most people think for a moment or two and reply, “Yes, I could do that.” Second, I ask if they can ask God to give the other
people (the ones they say they have forgiven) a double portion of the blessings that they have always hoped to receive for themselves. This usually requires more thinking than the first question. Most finally reply, “Yes, I think I could do that.”

Then I ask the third question. “Can you ask God to use you in any way He desires to see that the double portion blessing is given to those you say you have forgiven? Many times there is a sheepish reaction at this point and they say, “No, I’m not sure I can pray that.” Often truth emerges according to how you ask the questions. A Christian who has truly forgiven would double bless someone (at God’s request) if that Christian had really released the other person or persons from all accountability for past offenses and hurts.

Jesus requires you and me to give up all perceived rights to withhold grace and mercy and forgiveness from someone we feel has done us wrong. Once you have determined that this is what you are going to do, no matter how much it might hurt, the empowerment comes from Heaven to help you do it. Freedom results, and you are drawn nearer to God and more prepared for whatever comes your way.

So, you are sure that you have trust and confidence in God, and trust and confidence are your first two steps to fruitful faith. The third step toward fruitful faith is to get rid of any unforgiveness, which is covered above.

The fourth step you should take to pass any test of your faith is to submit yourself to God. Submit to God means be obedient to, surrender to, obligate self to, defer to, and give in to Him. In the original Greek, to bind yourself to God means to obligate yourself to obey His will. The binding and loosing prayers help you do this.

The fifth step to fruitful faith is to “resist the devil.” James 4:7-8 says, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” That means that you refuse his deceptions, his temptations, and his fear tactics. Click here on letters PDF, answer the secret question, return the e-mail, and get a free PDF of Liberty’s Mini Relationships book in your e-mail! Secret promotion ends September 1. What exactly does resisting the devil mean? It means you REFUSE TO buy into his deceptions, his temptations, and his fear tactics. Below is a binding and loosing prayer that incorporates drawing near to God, submitting to God, and resisting the devil:

I bind my will to God’s will. I obligate myself to His will. I bind my mind to the mind of Christ. I bind my emotions to the comfort, healing, and balance of the Holy Spirit.

I loose unforgiveness from myself and all stronghold thinking that my unsurrendered soul has used to justify it. I loose all stronghold thinking from myself that has justified thoughts of wanting to get even with someone. I will not allow my unsurrendered soul to dwell on any anger or stubbornness or desire to get even that could keep me from drawing closer to You.

I bind myself to obedience and I submit, defer, and give in to your love, wisdom, direction, and mercy regarding everything You show me to do.

I loose all assignments of the enemy from myself. First John 3:8 (NKJV) says that “the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” I am called to do the same works that Jesus did, according to John 14:12, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father” (NKJV).

I bind my will to your will, Lord, and I loose all ungodly things from my unsurrendered soul that would keep me from being able to draw close to You. I submit to your wishes and the commands You have given me in the Word, and I loose any fear, temptation or deception from the enemy. Thank You for your love and mercy and the forgiveness You have given to me. In His name, Amen

Last week a friend in England wrote me the following: “You know the parable of the sower and the 4 types of ground? Well I think that the binding and loosing prayers are preparing the ‘ground’ so that it becomes good ground without weeds and without stones so that the seed will fall, take root, and bear fruit.

I wrote her back and said, I AGREE!

One of my favorite sayings is this:

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TESTIMONIES

Hello, Liberty: I would like to thank you for all your prayers. I have been praying the binding and loosing prayers (the healing ones) for my 6 month-old son who was very ill. He is now completely healed! I wish to thank you for your ministry. May God bless you abundantly. Your sister in Christ, Jennifer

Liberty: I wish you had a study guide that goes with “Producing the Promise.” I would be happy to pay extra for that to be used in my small groups. Finally, just a little about myself. I am a retired 64 year-old pensioner whom the Lord has woken from a spirit of slumber. Why didn’t anybody teach me about the battle for my soul earlier???? I am an Elder at my local Baptist Church and I am very keen to see the Kingdom of God enlarged. I will pray and consider joining your teaching course. I am looking for a ministry and I am very open to where this is all going to lead. Thank you again for your ministry. Peter C. Australia

Dear Liberty, Thank you for being true to God’s word. I have been a Christian for 20+ years and the wisdom shared in your books is making a difference in my life. I only just began reading your books and praying this way. My friend and I are in China and she brought these books with her. I am from Canada and in all those 20+ years there was not one word of this way to bind and loose. Now I believe the ministry God wants to birth will and can successfully be birthed, because now I will find true healing and freedom to do all He has planned for me.

Thanks again. Kate, China

Liberty, you are SUCH a blessing. Thank you so much for your perseverance and contribution to helping people become strong and truly unshakable in Him.

Jenny P. NZ
Pray for me, Liberty. It is your Louisville pal and monthly partner. I have been in the hospital 2 times lately and 3 times in the past 10 months. Gallbladder issues—acute pancreatitis. Now I am totally healed and feeling so much better! How are you, my wonderful friend? (Maralyn: I prayed right now. I hope you feel even better tomorrow. Bless you and thank you for being such an encouragement to me. Liberty)

I went through a well-known ministry program and actually became a counselor, but the strongholds just were not coming down as fast as I wanted them to come down. The Lord actually showed me that there are thoughts that are guarded so well deep within us and are covered by many thought processes and stronghold thinking that when we want to get rid of them we can hit a false wall or stronghold thinking that had nothing really to do with the actual problem we had. But layer by layer I began to see.

The deeper I got, the more freedom I began to have. Thank You. Anonymous Man

Q&A’s

QUESTION: Hi Liberty, I have been separated from my husband for more than a year now. He comes and sees us every so often because he misses the kids, but I know for a fact that our separation was caused by our own bad behaviors towards each other and because of him eventually falling into an adulterous relationship. He is jobless now, yet he still has not turned from his sinful ways. I have been walking with the Lord ever since this happened (He has been dealing with me for all my own sins. hurt and pain, and contributions to our marriage fallout). Is it ok for me to pray for my husband’s soul ties to the other woman to be broken off? I still love my husband in spite of what happened and my heart is burdened with the thought that the enemy has “kidnapped” him and I cannot do anything to help him! P.

ANSWER: P, you need to first focus on loosing soul ties and any stronghold thinking from yourself! You cannot loose soul ties from another person—your husband or the other woman. You can bind each of them individually to God’s will and loose the assignments of the enemy and stronghold thinking (see definition below) from them. You cannot rid them of these obstacles completely, but you can cause them to be aware that something is off and to re-examine their thinking. Then trust God to cause them to realize they have wrong thinking and soul ties.

STRONGHOLD THINKING – The logic, reasoning, arguments, rationalization, justification, deception, denial, and defensiveness that your unsurrendered soul uses to excuse its wrong behaviors, soulish positions, and wrong beliefs. Stronghold thinking is employed whenever you want to make excuses for why you are the way you are, whose fault it is, or why you cannot obey God. Stronghold thinking is almost always involved in the beginning of soul ties and many other negative consequences.

The enemy HAS NOT “kidnapped” your husband. Due to unmet needs (all three of these may go back to his early childhood), unhealed hurts, and unresolved issues, he has decided to try to make himself feel better about any one or more of them which are still bothering him (perhaps severely). I hope this helps. Liberty

QUESTION: Hi Liberty, I hope you don’t mind if I ask your assistance with a personal question. I’ve been praying the binding and loosing prayers regularly (throughout the day) for 3 or 4 months now and in the last month or so I have found myself under constant assault (mentally and physically). Minor things that would not have bothered me a few months ago are now things that I keep coming back to and I keep ruminating on even though I don’t want to—even things that haven’t or may not happen (vain imaginations?) Anyway, I am pressing in and I will continue to. I’m just wondering—have you seen this kind of thing before? Is this the enemy trying to discourage me or is my soul rebelling in some way I can’t understand? Although this is difficult (anxiety is almost a constant), I see this as a positive sign and I see freedom on the horizon! Thanks for your time—blessings, Jamison

ANSWER: Jamison: I think there may be two things that are involved here:

1) I think you doubt that God will really help you.
2) Are you sure you are binding your will to God’s will and loosing self-desires and self-ideas?

Did you read my last Teaching Newsletter? If not, go to my website and access the March/April/May newsletter and read it. Some old issues that you have tried to
squash may be getting loose and your unsurrendered soul may be using them to try to upset you. If this is so, please believe that God wants them out in the open and taken care of by loosing prayers. Are you familiar with 1 John 3:8b (particularly the Amplified version)? “The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].” You and I are called to finish His works here after He returns to Heaven (John 14:12).

I get a feeling that you only hope the prayers will help and that you don’t really believe in their power to do so. They will, I promise! I prayed for you tonight. Liberty

**QUESTION:** Recently I attended a two-day conference where the speaker talked about the old man being dead, and that we’re not supposed to be trying to fix him. We are now in Christ, and that is how God views us. We have to live out of our new nature and identity in Christ and stop focusing on our old man’s sinful nature. That is what we should do, but he didn’t really offer any suggestions as to how we should do it.

I know you explained the meaning of “forgetting what lies behind and pressing on to what lies ahead…the higher call in Christ Jesus” in one of your books. Did you go through a time of healing from your childhood pain/problems

**ANSWER:** Yes, I did, and the length of time it took me to accept God’s healing all ended up being dependent upon how honest I was being with myself about forgiveness of issues I wanted to hang onto (feeling that I had deserved better). I had to face that I wanted to hang on to some of my more intense issues just a little bit; but it was like a light came on one day and I said, “Hello! I know what I need to do—so I am going to forgive.” There are many believers who have never settled some of their forgiveness issues, but they adamantly deny it. Their freedom and healing is on hold.

**FURTHER E-MAIL FROM CP:** Thank you for your quick reply. Forgiveness, then, is the crux of our healing. I like your straightforward answers. It makes sense that God does not want to make our journey complicated. In this day and age we seem to need more and more theories, and scientific research to back up and affirm and support the processes we choose to deal with. It is really simple, isn’t it—we need to forgive. God has given us everything we need in the Word. I feel like the enemy has really tried to distract us and get us bogged down in the details. That’s when we get confused—even when we are ‘grappling’ with the truth. I agree that the healing ministries all have their place but that there is a time when forgiveness has been offered/received that we just have to stand firm, forgiving and forgetting the past as you explained. Thanks for helping to clarify my confusion and uncertainty. In His love, CP

**QUESTION:** Liberty: Have you ever been going along in life and hit a stronghold that is so bad that it is hard to imagine you were even saved? I hit one of those the other day and it seemed that with every sin I gave up, the old man showed back up and I couldn’t for the life of me figure out how to stop it other than tearing it down little by little. I am better now, but it was a nightmare when I hit it.

One cool thing about hitting and then getting through one of those strongholds is much revelation came and mindset problems got out of the way for me to see the darts that started such a process. Grace and Peace to you! Darrin

**ANSWER:** Darrin: You didn’t hit a stronghold! There really is no such thing as a stronghold. We battle STRONGHOLD THINKING, and that is what you encountered—some form of wrong thinking about an attack of a wrong belief you haven’t resolved yet. It may also be (OR be a part of) an attack of the enemy because he is aware of that unresolved wrong belief, or an attack of your unsurrendered soul trying to muscle you into agreeing to an even stronger entrenchment of that wrong belief or another unresolved issue.

Stronghold thinking is the logic, reasoning, arguments, rationalization, justification, deception, denial, and defensiveness that your unsurrendered soul uses to excuse its wrong behaviors, soulish positions, and wrong beliefs. Stronghold thinking is employed whenever you want to make excuses for why you are the way you are, whose fault it is, and why you cannot obey God. Stronghold thinking is almost always involved in any circumstance that has negative consequences.

Finding that we cannot seem to break some of our old patterns of coping, we begin to justify and defend them with stronghold thinking patterns. It can be very hard to
overcome such wrong behaviors when your mind, will, and emotions all work together to thwart your every attempt to do so. As the binding and loosing prayers help you get the hidden sources opened up to God’s healing while getting rid of your façades and false personality traits, you won’t need any more coping behaviors because you will be free.

When praying the binding and loosing prayers for yourself or for others, do not focus your thoughts on the problem; focus your prayers on the solution that God knows is best and wants to bring to pass.

Pray the binding and loosing prayers purely without adding your own judgments or beliefs about what He should do or how fast He should do it. That is His business and His perfect timing! If you are not praying with as clean a purpose as possible, your personal issues can block your understanding of how God works to heal and bless as well as mess up your compassion toward others who are struggling, too.

Pray this way:

Lord, I bind my mind, will, and emotions to your will and purposes for my life. I do not want my unsurrendered soul to be able to establish any more hiding places for its wrong beliefs and bad attitudes. I do not want my unsurrendered soul to be able to justify and rationalize its deception and denial any longer. I do not want my mind looking for ways to rephrase its fear and its anger. I do not want my emotions reacting like fireworks or rain clouds. I obligate my will to yours, my mind to the mind of Christ, and my emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

I loose, smash, crush, and destroy my stronghold thinking. I tear up and tear apart all forms of defensiveness and denial in my unsurrendered soul. I loose, smash, crush, and destroy the wrong beliefs, wrong ideas, and misconceptions in my unsurrendered soul which are like rubble getting in the way of its restoration. I am sorry for not having done this so much sooner.

Your Word says that to repent means to think differently, to change my mind, to regret my sins, to change my conduct, and to turn and go the other way. I choose to do this. Thank you, Jesus, for giving me these Keys and the guidelines of the Word to help me cooperate with my healing and restoration from you. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

I hope you use the binding and loosing prayers to help you combat this. Let me know if you have any more questions, Liberty.
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PRAYING FOR THE CHILDREN
The LSM International Intercessors, Phase 7, around the world are praying for children who are in situations of all forms of abuse, hunger, sickness, poverty, and child slavery. I pray that angels, authorities, and strong adults can give help to them at the time it is needed. Second Chronicles 7:14 tells us:

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land* (NKJV).

Some of our wicked ways surely are that we do not pray enough for those who need help so much, those who are not in a position to help themselves. This speaks of the power of our prayers for our nations and those in them if we will humble ourselves, stop following our own wills and our own agendas, and pray with all the focus and determination that we can for what is right. Please join with me and others committed to praying for the children of the world who desperately need us to agree that God’s will shall be done in their lives and quickly.

*Lord, I come to you with pain in my heart asking that you forgive me for not daily remembering and praying for those who cannot help themselves. I bind every child in the world to your will. I bind their minds to your mind, Jesus, and I bind their wounded and ragged emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.*

*Please speak words of strength, encouragement, and hope to them. Please send help to rescue them quickly. I loose the enemy’s influence from all adults who are using and abusing so many children in the world today. Please heal the abusers from whatever has driven them to such behaviors. People are not born knowing how to abuse; they learn from being abused themselves. Please break this evil cycle in their lives.*

*You have said that if we would humble ourselves, pray, seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then you would heal our land. Please show us what we need to do to work with You to see our lands and the children in them become safe and healed and filled with hope. Thank you, Father God. Amen*

**Always remember**

*James 4:17 (NIV):*

*Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.*
Who and What is
LIBERTY SAVARD MINISTRIES?


This ministry believes the Scriptures are inspired of God, infallible, and fully authoritative for Christian faith and conduct. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on Earth, died on the cross in a substitutionary work of redemption for mankind, rose again and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Through Christ’s shed blood and renewal of the Holy Ghost, justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God with absolute hope of eternal life.

Liberty teaches Christians how to make their unsurrendered souls (old natures) surrender to the will and purposes of God. She also teaches Christians how to loose emotional baggage and toxic waste from their unsurrendered souls to create room within themselves to receive all God has promised to them for today. This allows believers to fulfill their destinies while walking in knowledge and power to bring glory and honor to God the Father! The message of binding and loosing and the unsurrendered soul teaches God’s people how to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) to impact things on earth so they come into alignment with God’s already established will in heaven. Liberty teaches Christians how to pray purely without “want lists” and the soulish instruction manuals Christians are so prone to creating for God (so He will know how best to answer their prayers!). Effective prayers always have pure motives, God’s will, never soulish purposes or motives. Binding and loosing Keys of the Kingdom can always expose hidden motives in a believer’s unsurrendered soul.
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