

Fearless Series - Tenacity

How God Can Make You a Fighter

Introduction

With God's help we will fight like heroes and he will trample down our every foe!

Psalm 60:12 TPT

With God's help, you can be someone who "fights like a hero." Who is a hero who inspires you? Why?

What is tenacity?

Tenacity is the ability to keep fighting for something and to believe you can win.

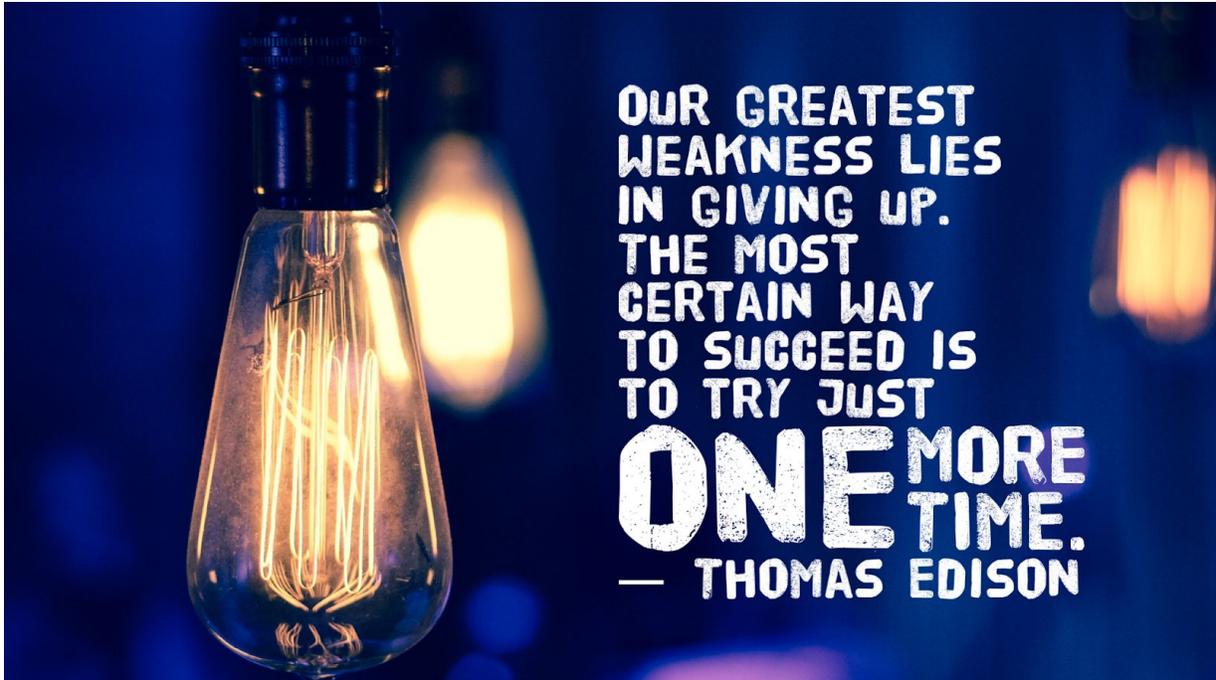
God makes you a fighter

Tenacity is the ability to keep fighting for something, and to believe you can win.

- In what areas of your life do you need God's help to become a fighter?
- What do you think it would look like for you to be a fighter in those areas?

Teacher's Note:

- *Give examples becoming a fighter - becoming a Christian, helping someone else become a Christian, getting good grades, making a sports team, student council, etc.*



If you want to become a fighter, you have to address any areas you have given up. Think about the areas in which you want to be a fighter. Have you given up in any of those areas? What have you given up doing?

Have you stopped fighting to become a Christian? to change a certain sin? to have courage? To believe you can do well in school, sports, or change your family?

Your goal

What dream or desire do you need God's help to fight for?

God Trains You to Fight

He trains my hands to fight every battle. My arms can bend a bow of bronze.

Psalm 18:34 NIV

God is a trainer

Like a good coach, God will train you by letting you face things that seem impossible so that your strength grows.

Training isn't easy, but it pays off

God wants you to win your battles! He is willing to let you go through some difficulties so you become strong enough to win.

In what ways do you think God is training you to become stronger?

Teacher's Note:

- *What was a time God let you go through something hard, but in the end you saw how much he cared about you because it taught you something really good?*

Yoda - *Empire Strikes Back*

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In this clip, Yoda is training Luke Skywalker to use the Force. He pushes him to do something that Luke thinks is impossible.

What do you notice about Luke's attitude toward being pushed to do something he felt was impossible?

Why do you think Yoda is able to raise the ship but Luke couldn't?

God Helps You When You Get Tired

Think about Jesus' example. He held on while wicked people were doing evil things to him. So do not get tired and stop trying.

Hebrews 12:3 NCV

Tiredness can make you lose your fight

Sometimes, we start fighting but get tired and stop.

Learn from the ultimate fighter

How do you think Jesus kept fighting even when people tortured him, made fun of him, and abandoned him?

In what areas have you gotten tired and stopped trying?

How can Jesus' fight energize you to start fighting again?

Teacher's Note: What's an area you got tired of fighting? How has Jesus' example challenged you to not get tired and to start fighting again?

God Teaches You Not to Fear Failure

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

Proverbs 24:16 NLT

Fear of failure will steal your fight

Are you so afraid of failing that you don't even try?

Failure isn't fatal!

A godly person isn't someone who never fails. It's someone who gets back up again when they fall.

What's one thing you would do if you weren't afraid to fail?

Teacher's Note: Share about a time you failed but it actually made you stronger.

J.K. Rowling - *Author of the Harry Potter series*

JK Rowling Harvard Commencement - 7:30-11:12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHGqp8lz36c>

"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default."

Decision

Do, or do not. There is no try.

Yoda

Talk it through: How do you think God is trying to train you to be a fighter?

Take action: What's one thing you could do differently in your relationship with God to develop tenacity?

Teacher's Note: Walk through step by step what it would take to change. The leader should think through some of this ahead of time. Be as detailed as possible.

- *What steps will this decision involve?*
- *When will you do them?*
- *Possible pitfalls?*
- *Who will you ask to help hold you accountable?*

Next steps

This section is meant to be done together over the next 1-2 weeks. Set up times to do some of these together or to do them separately and then talk about what you learned.

- **Read together:** 1 Samuel 16-30. How did God make David a fighter?
- **Watch together:** *Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back* and *Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix*. Talk with a friend about what you learned from these movies about how to be a fighter.
- **Do together:** Make a "Fighter" playlist of songs that inspire you about how God is training you to be a fighter.

Further study

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 VOICE
- Psalm 18 NCV
- Matthew 26-28 NCV
- Matthew 25:14-27 NCV
- 1 Timothy 6:12 NCV

