

FAITH BUSTERS

The Enemy's Tactics to break
our faith or trust in God



OPPOSING PLANS

**God loves
you**

**He has a
wonderful
plan for
your life!**

**Satan hates
you**

**He has a
horrible
plan for
your life!**

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS

**...lest Satan should
take advantage of us;
for we are not ignorant
of his devices.**

2 Corinthians 2:11



FAITH

4 FAITH BUSTERS

FOUR BUSTING TACTICS

1. Focus on Future Needs
2. Focus on Sudden Problems
3. Focus on the Circumstances
4. Focus only on the Physical Realm



THE FOCUS OF THE BUSTER FROM MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

Its Power: -

Its Core: -

Its Weapon: -

How to Overcome: -

1. FOCUS ON FUTURE NEEDS

MATTHEW 6:25-33

Its Power: - Worry

Its Core: - Distrust Lord's Provisions

Its Weapon: - Our needs

1. FOCUS ON FUTURE NEEDS

MATTHEW 6:19-33

Its Power: - Worry

Its Core: - Distrust Lord's Provisions

Its Weapon: - Our needs

How to Overcome:

Focus on God's kingdom
and His righteousness

Matthew 6:25-33

1. FOCUS ON FUTURE NEEDS

Its Weakness

Illustrated

Nourishment – Birds of the air

Clothing- Flowers of the field

Trust the Father – He Knows

Do not worry about tomorrow
Today's problems are enough

1. FOCUS ON FUTURE NEEDS

Its Weakness

*But seek first the kingdom of
God and His righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

FOUR TACTICS

1. Focus on Future Needs
2. Focus on the Sudden Problems



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2. FOCUS ON SUDDEN PROBLEMS MATTHEW 8:23-27

Its Power: Fear

Its Core: Distrust Lord's Plans

Its Weapon:

Sudden uncontrollable circumstances

2. FOCUS ON SUDDEN PROBLEMS

Its Weapon:

Sudden uncontrollable circumstances

It can overwhelm

Emotions - Matthew 8:26 - We Fear

Will - Matthew 8:26 - Unbelief

2. FOCUS ON REAL PROBLEMS

MATTHEW 8:26

Its Power: Fear

Its Core: Distrust Lord's Plans

Its Weapon: Uncontrollable circumstances

1. Emotion - fear; 2. Will - unbelief = Little Faith

Its Weakness:

Focus on God's Plans for us

Jeremiah 29:11

2. FOCUS ON SUDDEN PROBLEMS

Its Weakness

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

SATAN'S TACTICS

1. Focus on Future Needs

But we focus on the Kingdom of God
and His Righteousness

2. Focus on the Sudden Problems

But we focus on God's Plans for us

FOUR TACTICS

1. Focus on Future Needs
2. Focus on the Sudden Problems
3. Focus on the Circumstances



3. FOCUS ON CIRCUMSTANCES MATTHEW 14:22-32

Its Power: Lack of Trust

Its Core: Distrust Lord's Faithfulness

Its Weapon:

Doubt - Double mindedness

3. FOCUS ON CIRCUMSTANCES

Its Weapon:

Doubt

It's Cure:

Focus on the Lord's Presence

“Lord, save me!”

Matthew 14:30

FOUR TACTICS

1. Focus on Future Needs
2. Focus on the Sudden Problems
3. Focus on the Circumstances
4. Focus only on the Physical Realm



4. FOCUS ON PHYSICAL
REALM ONLY
MATTHEW 16:1-12

Its Power: Confusion

Its Core: Distrust Lord's Power

Its Weapon:

Confusion – especially between the
physical and spiritual realms

4. FOCUS ON PHYSICAL REALM ONLY

Its Weapon: Confusion

It's Cure:

Remember what the Lord has done in the
past for you.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget
not all His benefits: Psalm 103:2*

FOUR TACTICS TO FAIL

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2. Focus on the Sudden Problems
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FOUR TACTICS TO OVERCOME

1. Focus on God's Kingdom
2. Focus on God's Plans
3. Focus on God's Presence
4. Focus Past Workings of God

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