

# FIGHTING FOR FAITH

## Straining Against the Perfector

### “Helping the family or hurting the family”

How to know?

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_

*Phil. 4:6, 1 Pet.5:7*

Charles Stanley Sermon “Causes of Anxiety”

1. Feeling of inadequacy
2. Attempt to change things we have no \_\_\_\_\_
3. Failure to trust God to provide needs
4. Priorities are misplaced
5. Attempting to live tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. Scripture

A. Jesus’ example contrasting with my reality

*Luke 4, Luke 4:43, John 6:38, John 7:16, Matt 26:41, John 2:23-25*

B. My identification being revealed /explained in the boat

*Mark 6:45-50, Matt. 14:25-33, Heb. 12:1-2, 1 Sam. 7:12*

# STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 12-15.
2. Compare Gen.16:1-2 with Eve in Gen. 3. How are these two women similar? How are they different?
3. What do Abraham and Adam have in common as they react to their wives?
4. What consequences did each couple bring about initially?
5. Each couple has brought about a long term consequence that is devastating and deadly to us today. Cite each one. Use Bibleinfo.com if needed.
6. Read Gen.24-27.
7. What does Rebekah have in common with Sarah?
8. What is the root sin issue for both of these women? There may be more than one.
9. Read Mark 3. Why do you think Jesus' family, including Mary His mother, came to take charge of Him?
10. How is Mary responding similar to Sarah and Rebekah?
11. Observing the same patterns in all three women, what does this teach you about a female tendency?
12. Do you find that you struggle with this same temptation?
13. Read Gen. 22. How does this event differ from the way the previous three women responded to their circumstances?
14. What can you learn from these instances to help you when you are feeling pressure to control/manipulate people and/or circumstances?