

Flags of Faith

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I love to see a big flag of my country waving in the wind. It reminds me that I love my country. Soldiers are encouraged when they see their flag during battle. In movies we hear lines like, "Rally around the flag!"



Flags come in all sizes; so does faith. There are flags larger than a bed sheet that wave so high they can be seen from a great distance. Many are encouraged at the sight. A large flag may be like the faith of a pastor or strong Christian friend or parent. We see them looking to God in every part of their lives. We also see and hear them tell others that Jesus is the Savior of all from sin and death in hell. We draw near them as they give us the good news of Jesus' love and forgiveness. We grow stronger by seeing them confidently trust in God.

At a parade we see little flags waved by people in the crowd. That is like smaller faith but still true faith. A small flag can get knocked out of a person's hand and fall to the ground much more easily than a flag on a well-mounted flag pole. Our faith gets challenged and tested. If it is not held tightly it can fall. Suppose you are nearly out of money. It is faith in God that helps you calmly go forward without worrying.

Matthew 6:27 "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Even though you have a flag of faith, you may need to seek out a person with a larger flag to show you God's promises in the Bible. Don't hesitate; flags are made to be waved!

Sometimes children wave flags with great enthusiasm and big smiles. They don't really understand much about their country but they recognize the flag as important and want a flag of their own. Seeing a cute little boy waving his small flag on a stick makes us smile and be proud of the fact we are waving the same flag. Children can love Jesus. Children can have strong faith (big flags).

Jesus said in Mark 10:15 "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive {have faith in} the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

A flag by itself is only cloth in a particular pattern. The only flag that matters in battle is the one that is held up in victory. Jesus Christ is like that flag. His death and resurrection proved him to be the Victor!

1 Corinthians 15:57 "Death has been swallowed in victory. Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The more we look to the victorious Jesus, the larger our flag of faith will grow. Rally around the Savior and wrap yourself in the furls of His love. As Jesus looks down on you, give thanks you are part of His kingdom.

Revelation 11:15 "...and He will reign forever and ever."



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