

Daily Devotion For March 8, 2021

"Fight the good fight for the true faith." 1 Timothy 6:12

50 years ago today, on March 8, 1971 "Smokin" Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali for the World Heavyweight boxing Championship in what was one of the most watched boxing matches of that time. Over 350 million people tuned in to watch Joe Frazier win in a unanimous decision in the first of their three fights.

The Apostle Paul sometimes used the images of the athletic contests at the Grecian Games to illustrate the Christian life. In his first letter to Timothy, he urged Timothy to "fight the good fight" The believer lives a life of ongoing conflict, both physical and spiritual. We are engaged in the most noble fight of all -- the cause of Christ. Paul urged Timothy to give his best in this struggle.

In a later letter, Paul looked back over his own life and said, "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith. I" (2 Timothy 4:7). Paul had lived a life of integrity and commitment to God's Word and work and looked forward to receiving the prize the Lord had for him.

Thought For Today: We all have our own battles to fight. As we fight our own battles we must be careful to not disqualify our witness by doing something to disgrace the name of Christ. In what ways are you fighting the good fight for the faith?

Today's Prayer Focus: Take time to review this week's updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.