

Don't Let Fear In

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How many of you know that if you are not attending church on a regular basis and are going through problems or crisis that you cannot expect to just attend church once and get all the help that you need if you don't attend on a regular basis? You know that you see people and you may be one of them where if things are going great in your life, you don't read your Bible, you don't pray, you don't attend church, you don't even fellowship with Christians and then some crisis happens and you go to church and want to get help from your pastor or your brothers and sisters in Christ to counsel and pray with you. But what you are after is that you want to get in a couple of hour session what you should have been getting in multiple services, regular Bible reading, regular fellowship and a regular prayer life for the past six months and you just can't do it.

God is faithful and He will help you but you need to know that God is not behind the enemy. God is always in front of the enemy and if you follow God and go where He leads you, doing what you are supposed to be doing, being where you are supposed to be and if you will obey every day you will be ready always! So if anything comes up you will be able to say that "Oh that is why he preached on that last week," or "that is why God spoke to me during that Bible reading a month ago". You will not be caught off guard because you won't be ignorant of the enemy's devices. But that will only happen if you obey. Now if you decide that you want to fish instead of go to church, it may not seem like that big of a deal but if you keep doing it and doing it, you don't know the spiritual supply that you have missed. But if you obey God you will be so blessed you may be able to fish on every other day of the week. God wants to bless you so much. It won't work if you put your stuff first and God's stuff last.

All that was Holy Spirit note. I encourage all the readers to attend a local church and be in relationship with a Body of Christ.

The last time I shared in January I wrote an article about Freedom From Fear. Today I would like to continue with that theme.

Psalm 34:1-4 (KJV) I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. [2] My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. [3] O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. [4] I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears

His praise will be in my mouth, not silent but in my mouth. Just read those verses a few times and speak them out loud and take it personally. If you do what these verses say God will deliver you from ALL your fears.

We had previously established that fear came in through the fall in the garden and that it was basically the fear of death. But Jesus came and delivered us from the fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (KJV) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Fear is based on fear of death. There are so many phobias-fear of heights, flying, driving, tight spaces, spiders, snakes, people, trains, wars, financial ruin and the list goes on and on. It all comes down to fear of some degree of dying—fear of dying. Death is separation and it is not just separation of spirit from the body but people are afraid of being separated from something that they love or something they highly value or desire. It is death even though it is not physical death. So just take this Scripture and if you by faith believe what the Word of God says and confess His Word over your life, "I have been delivered from ALL of my fears", then these phobias have nothing to hold you in bondage with, nothing to hook you with. Fear makes you subject to bondage. Fear locks you up, stops you from being free to live.

If you are led by fear you are led by the devil not by God. It is bondage. It is freedom when you are free from all fear when you can go anywhere and do anything and with anybody to enjoy life and free to be led by the Spirit of God, who is love and His perfect love casts out ALL fear.

(1 John 4:17-18 (KJV) *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. [18] There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.)*

Have you been delivered from the fear of death because of faith in Jesus' blood sacrifice? If you are a Christian you should be.

Fear is like faith in some ways, in other ways it is opposite. Just like there are different degrees of faith—partially persuaded or fully persuaded, there are different degrees of fear. There is dread which is a measure of fear. That should have no place in your life. Don't allow yourself to go on day after day or week after week with a little bit of dread or a lot of dread or the dread that leads to full blown panic. A Christian- a child of God shouldn't have any fear, dread or panic. Don't let fear in. You choose! You choose daily—fear or trust!

How do you not let fear in? Do you believe that Jesus destroyed him that had the power of death? Do you believe that we have been delivered from the fear of death?

John 14: (KJV) [27] Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Verse 27-Peace—does that sound like fear? No. *MY peace I give to you*---Did He give it to you? Did you receive it? Then it is your peace now. *Not as the world gives*---You can't find this peace in the world, there is no secular book or writing, no therapist, no drug—you can't find it in a bottle, you can't find it in a syringe, you can't snort it, you can't swallow it. But Jesus already gave it to you. His peace!

Do you think that Jesus lived in dread? Can you picture Him having a panic attack? No. He was fearless, dread less, He faced demons with no fear, He faced men with no fear. He faced storms and disease and it didn't matter what it was, He looked square at it and in essence said, "shut up and leave, peace be still" He walked in the peace that passes understanding. He said "in the world you are going to have some tribulation but" but what? "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". How did He do it? He had this amazing peace of God. And as He was leaving He said He was leaving something that really helped Him out while He was on this planet. It was "My peace I leave with you." Can you walk in peace as Jesus did? You have His peace that He walked in. It has been given to you. You have it by believing the Word of God.

Then He goes on to say: "*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" You is the understood subject of this sentence. You—you are to what? Not to let your heart be troubled. You are not to let your heart be afraid.

Know that you have been given peace—His peace--- that you can walk in instead of fear. Also you must come to believe that nobody or nothing can make you fear! Nothing or no one can make you fear just like nobody or nothing can make you believe. It is up to you what you and I what we choose to yield to. Everyone has experienced fear, whether it is dread or full blown panic, you and I fear because you and I have let it in. We gave place to it and yielded to it. We didn't have to. There is not one time that we did not have a choice whether or not to fear. Did the Lord command us "try not to be afraid"? "I know you're just human and that everyone fails so just try not to be afraid?" I don't think so. That is not what it says. But that's what we think. There is no suggestion in this verse: "Let not-(don't do it)" There is no qualifier in this. "Let not your heart be troubled and neither let it be afraid." When you get a hold of this it will set you free. We are not helpless victims or pawns of our emotions or feelings. If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Savior then you need to ask Him into your heart. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins and to be the Lord of your life. Then these words of His "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*" are yours!

Psalm 23:4 (KJV) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

When God is with you, you will never have to fear anyone or anything!!