

Topic:

CONQUERING FEAR

Bible Text: Isaiah 43:1

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Prayer

Father in the mighty name of Jesus Christ we sincerely appreciate You for this moment, we thank You because You have made us partake of tonight's Bible study, and we pray Father that You will bless us through Your word, we pray that as we dine at the table of the Spirit, open our eyes to see the bluff of the enemy. In Jesus name (Amen)

Study

Fear has cost many to lost their balance in life, it is one of the famous weapons used by the deceiver (Devil). The fear of death, fear of falling, fear of pains etc.

Even the elects embrace fear Which isn't right for us as believer. According to Isaiah 43:1 "**But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.**" We were strictly instructed by God to fear not. God knows that fear will be a great weapon of the Devil to man that's why He God told us not to fear for a whole year. The word "fear not" appears 365 times in the Bible. As believers we are expected to work through our faith and relationship with God to take away fear control over us. When a man is engulfed in fear he lost his abilities and courage and that makes him vulnerable to the Devil. Take example of a football player who is afraid of passing the ball because

he fear of his opponent collecting the ball as had a grip on him, so he becomes useless to his team. When the devil wants to destroy a man he first of all creates fear in the man's life: the fear of death, the fear of condemnation etc

Many who fell victim of fear of the Devil actually allowed that because they refuse to pray when they noticed it. Philimon 4:6-7 "**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Whenever you see fear creeping into your heart always remember this passage of the Bible, 2 Timothy 1:7 "**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**"

Psalm 23:4 "**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**" The writer knew that outside God, he is vulnerable to the devil and he will mesmerize him with fear that's why he said "**I will fear no evil for you are with me**" The reason many of us suffer fear and the rest is because when always try to leave Jesus out when He was supposed to be in. So what I'm I saying, as believers who is right with God we don't need to be afraid. Hear me sir the moment you see fear overwhelming you, you really need to check yourself and see what you are doing wrong. Fear is contagious, it is like an infection or should I say it is a spiritual infection that the moment you let it stay in your life, it spread and damage a lot. I want us to know this night that there are two kinds of fear.

THE RIGHT FEAR

"**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**" (Ecclesiastes 12:13) "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge:" (Proverbs 1:7a) this kind of fear leads to Holiness according to 2 Corinthians 7:1 "**Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**" But we are not going to be talking about this kind of fear tonight. We be talking about the other one which is;

THE WRONG FEAR

This kind of fear comes from the devil, this kind of fear is what we are told not to fear.

This is the kind of fear that makes people lose it.

The wrong fear is a poison to our soul because the moment we start embracing it the fear replaces itself with the word of God.

Quickly let talk about the areas men embraces fear

- Men fear responsibility; it was fear that kept the Israelites from their responsibility of conquering the land here." Deut 1:22-46

This fear will keep us from fulfilling our responsibility in fishing for men into the kingdom "**And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.**" (Luke 5:10) You see a believer afraid to preach the gospel because he is afraid of what they will do or say to him/her.

- Men fear failure; many today are afraid to fail in their career, and many other areas.

- Men fear truth; truth often puts us or someone else we love in a bad light, it is tragic when men fear the light.

Many has buried the truth today because they are afraid of the result, many today bear false witness because they are afraid of what will happen if they don't.

- some men fear growth

Some pastor today fear the church will become sinful if it gets too big, so it has lead them not increasing their congregation. Sinfulness has little to do with "bigness" or "littleness".

- Men fear what others will say and think about them. Many believer today fear to proclaim Christ to their boss, friends, family because they fear what will be said and done to them. It was fear that led Peter to deny Christ. Matthew 26:69-75, Jesus already told us men would speak against us (Luke 6:26) - Men fear death; as Christians we don't need to be afraid of death 1 Corinthian 15:50-58.

Fear has lot of effect the moment we allow it

- It renders one useless

- It brings defeat

- It kills and destroy

- It prevent one from doing the will of God

- Fear brings on the very thing we fear; it was fear of sinking that made Peter started sinking.

So as believers we are expected to overcome fear, how can we overcome fear? Have faith and trust in God (Proverbs 3:25, Psalm 56:11, 2 Timothy 1:12) Faith is the enemy of Fear. Let's fill our hearts with perfect love, the more we love the less we fear, Enthrone Christ, Rid ourselves of sin, fear always come from a sense of guilt.

Lastly pray

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philemon 4:6-7)
I want us to know that we can conquer fear with the help of God.

That comes to the end of tonight Bible Study.

The End

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