

Stewardship:

Luke 6:38 NKJV

Give and it shall be given unto you.

Good measure, pressed down, shaken together,

Running over will be put into your bosom,

For with the same measure you use,

It will be measured back to you.

Fear Not

Last week we talked about “girding up the loins of your mind” and the fact that your mind and emotion is the battlefield on which all the spiritual battles of your life are fought.

Tonight, I want to talk about the weapons Satan uses against us. Fear and lies are his favorite weapons, with the #1 weapon being... FEAR!

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Five reasons not to fear (Isaiah 41:10 gives five reasons not to fear:

1. I am with you
2. I am your God
3. I will strengthen you
4. I will help you
5. I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

Fear not! This statement appears 80 times in scripture!

A. Fear is a spirit: (*1 Timothy 1:7 God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love and power and a sound mind.*) We must stay alert and confront fear our entire life. Fear is a “spirit” so we must treat it like a spirit. You dismiss a spirit with a Word of Authority...

C. Three type of fear:

1. Natural caution... this is a good fear

2. Nagging fear (worry or anxiety) (*Philippians 4:6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.*

7. And God's peace shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Amp)

You overcome worry and anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving.

3. **Terror** (Conspiracy of fear as in *Psalms 91:5 “terror by night”*)

The Affects of Fear

- Fear causes illness (*Luke 21:26 In the last days men's heart will fail them for fear.*)
- Fear affects are mind (we think negatively)
- Fear affects are speech (we speak negatively)

- Fear affects our action (we react negatively)
- Fear brings bondage (*Hebrews 2:14 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.*)

Practical ways to overcome fear:

1. **Recognize that fear is an emotion**, while your faith is from your Spirit. Your emotions only report how you feel. Therefore, fear will not stop your faith!
2. **Hold your mind in place** (*Isaiah 26:3 Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trust in thee. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJV For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but might in God for pulling down strongholds, 5. Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*
 - (a). Recognize thoughts of fear
 - (b). Capture the thoughts of fear
 - (c). Replace the thoughts of fear with Word of Faith
3. **Worship. (Psalms 91)** When I feel afraid, I begin to worship God. As I dwell in God's Secret Place of Worship, God protects me. Worship is physical and spiritual. Worship is the presenting of our bodies to God (Romans 12:1), the result is a quiet confidence.

4. Make the choice to trust God! (*Psalm 56:3 What time I am afraid I will trust you: Psalm 46:2 I will not fear; 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*) I know God loves me. I know God would never do anything to harm me. I know God is more powerful than any power that can come against me! I can trust God! So, I make the choice to trust God in every situation of fear!

The result of stepping beyond fear is the release of God's power in you!

(Psalm 46:1 God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore I will not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

3. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

4. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High!

5. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her; and that right early!

The River in verse 4:

- **Ezekiel 47:1-12** flows from the throne of God and divides into two tributaries. One flows to the desert and the desert blooms; one to the dead sea and brings healing to the waters that life may flow there.
- **Revelation 22:1** *And He showed me a pure river of water of life (Zoe) clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb.*

• **John 7:38** *He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

39. But this he spoke of the Spirit which they that believe on him should receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

10. Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge Selah!)

**Beyond fear is power
Beyond fear is peace
Beyond fear is your miracle**