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Overcoming Fear And Intimidation

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There are usually reasons for God's will not being fulfilled in our lives, those reasons being fear and intimidation. Fear comes from being intimidated. Intimidation comes from being fearful. They are closely related. Fear that we won't be accepted or that we are not capable of fulfilling the call on our lives or intimidation that comes from others saying or doing things that cause us to not move forward with the will of God for us.

2 Tim 1:5-7 "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 6Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." KJV

Timothy had been ministered to by Paul and the elders of the church and yet he was not flowing to the fullness of his calling. Timothy had the faith but it was not being stirred up and used as it should have been.

God has not given the spirit of fear, but power, love and a sound mind. Where does fear come from? From the enemy, an unrenewed mind or natural circumstances. Fear is designed to put a govern on us, boundaries or limits, the enemy is content to let us function so far but not going all the way. An example of this was Moses wanting to leave Egypt but Pharaoh only wanted them to go a certain distance, he finally agreed that they could all leave. The devil was trying to put limits on Moses. The devil tries to do the same with us, he gets nervous when we reach out and go all the way with the Lord and what He wants us to do. God wants the bruised and broken to be made whole. Fear and intimidation throttles the gift, holds it back. Fear and intimidation will cause us to do things that we wouldn't normally do.

When God gave a word of encouragement in the Old and New Testament, the word would always come with circumstances in the natural, saying it can't be done, it was always prefaced with "fear not".

Examples given of people in the Bible who did things because of fear: Abraham and Isaac lied because of fear. Jacob, Moses, and Elijah ran when confronted with fear. The nation of Israel ran because of being faced with Goliath. Peter begins to sink in the water from fear and denied Christ because of fear. If these people had to deal with fear, we will all have to deal with fear when it comes, put it under our feet and conquer it.

When we become consumed with Jesus and less with ourselves, we will begin to displace fear and intimidation. Fear in us is based out of our inferiority and lack of confidence, how we will look and what people will think about us. Become consumed with Jesus, learning how to conquer fear and intimidation, we will be ready to fulfill God's plan for us here on earth; however, if we never conquer fear we won't fulfill His plan.

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We must not take for granted the presence or anointing that God has placed on our lives. His presence and anointing is not every place in an outward manifestation, but we must keep it in our lives wherever we go, be aware of it individually. Moses said that without God's presence he would not go any further. We must have His presence; stir it up from time to time.

Fear can be defined several ways, it is a spiritual force, it is powerful; faith is also a spiritual force and is powerful. Our fears will come on us and works exactly like faith works. Fear comes from having confidence in what is seen, rather than having confidence is what God has said. Circumstances have a greater priority and opens the door for fear to grip you.

Jesus had just finished a tremendous ministry before the following event happened. People had been healed and set free; they were crossing over to the other side of the sea and encountered a severe storm. Jesus reassured them that He would be with them, just as He is with us always in the storm, we can have the assurance that He will never leave us. The storm is going to come to all, there are no exemptions, Matthew 7 and Luke 6 tells us this. How we go through the storm determines how we built on the foundation of the Word of God and Jesus Christ, not shaken.

Matt 14:26-31 "And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27But straightway Jesus spake unto them,

saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" KJV

To displace fear we must be consumed with Jesus Christ. Peter saw Jesus, but circumstances caused him to lose his focus, because he was not consumed with Jesus. He began to believe the adversity more than the words that Jesus had given him. He began to sink. Why did Peter begin to sink? He became afraid but Jesus caught him and asked him why he doubted. Fear is always linked to doubt and unbelief, fear is never linked to trust. Peter had faith to start to walk to Jesus, but because he looked at the circumstances he didn't have faith to finish. Takes far greater faith to finish the course.

We must realize the importance of being grounded in the word of God and what is said to us. If we are not grounded in the word, we will always have a greater focus on the difficulties around us, our talk and conversation will cause us to never see the answer. God's word is greater than fear and the storms of life and the only way we will become grounded, where there is revelation or heart knowledge and not just sense or head knowledge is by meditating on the Word of God, reading and thinking about it.

Pro 1:26-27 "I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you." KJV

Faith comes with answers, fear comes with desolation. Fear is a hard task master. Intimidation comes from different areas. Fear will take away our hope. We are snared by the words of our mouth, faith comes by our words and fear comes the same way. In Job chapter 3, Jobs fears came upon him because of his words.

Rom 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." KJV

Fear brings bondage, will hold us back from doing what we can in every area of our lives. We have been adopted into the family of God allowing us to speak to the Father because we are sons. The servant always had the fear of being put out unable to speak to the Father. We are sons and therefore our needs will be met, He wants us blessed.

Fear comes when we believe something other than what God's word says to us.

Heb 2:14-15 "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; 15And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." KJV

Fear always brings bondage, but Jesus destroyed the power of death, the devil who paralyzes, delivering them from the bondage of fear. We take authority over the devil using the name of Jesus.

How do we overcome fear or displace fear in our lives? Fear appears to be very real, but fear has been conquered. In God there is no fear only love, learn to grow in God's character.

1 John 4:18 "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." KJV

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1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." KJV

Negative reports will sometimes cause fear to raise up, but by casting your cares on the Lord, fear becomes faith in the situation.

Psalm 118:6 "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" KJV

Isaiah 41:10-13 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. 11Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. 12Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. 13For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." KJV

Fear is dispelled when we believe that God is with us, being dismayed is believing that something is going to happen before it does. We must continue our love walk, growing in Jesus, putting the Word of God in first place in our lives, having our attitudes corrected, casting our cares on Him, putting our trust in God, not allowing adversity to consume us

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice." AMP

King Hezekiah was dealing with an army wanting to destroy the people and because of what was being said, he was becoming fearful, but he went to God for the answer to the situation. The complete story of this can be found in 2 Chronicles chapter 32.

2 Chron 32:18 "Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city." KJV

2 Kings 19:6 "And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me." KJV

God is for us and if we can hold steady and keep fear displaced, we are going to come out looking OK, we will win our race, we will win the battle, because we will stay in faith and believe what God says over the adverse circumstances, turning fear out the door.

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