

Faith Factor – 7

Fear is a part of everyone's life

The world just accepts it as a normal part of life

Fear is not something that should be tolerated in the life of a believer

2 Primary Spiritual Laws

Romans 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. NKJV

These two laws are complete opposites of one another

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus covers everything God has promised in His Word – the blessing, eternal life, faith, a recreated spirit, peace, prosperity, the gifts of the Spirit, healing, deliverance, protection, the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, and more.

The Law of Sin and Death includes fear, the curse, sin, condemnation, bondage, poverty, oppression and depression, addiction, sickness, physical death and ultimately separation from God in Hell.

Fear is the entry point through which Satan gains access and Faith allows God in our life – The Faith Factor

The enemy's primary goal is to get us to doubt that God's Word will come to pass in our lives

Fear attracts destruction

Faith attracts blessing

The reason bad things happen is because our enemy, “The Devil” is called the god of this world (age) – he is a ruling force in this current world system

2 Corinthians 4:4

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. NKJV

2 Timothy 2:26

26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. NKJV

The fear of abandonment

Hebrews 13:5

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." NKJV

Many people are unable to fully trust someone in a relationship for fear that they will lose them

When we feel this way it is hard for us to have long lasting friendships

Our relationships are shallow and don't last long

Because we've been hurt in the past we sabotage our relationships to avoid getting hurt again

Every human being has four basic needs
Acceptance – Identity – Security – Purpose

Gods plan is to use parents and other relationships to help meet those needs

When we are unfulfilled in one or more of these areas its hard for our life to work out for good the way God wants for us

To get past the fear of abandonment in relationships, we have to get out of our own personal world of fear and insecurity

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Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. NKJV

It's next to impossible to fully trust God when we struggle in these areas

Regardless of our background or whether or not any of these core needs were met we must believe that God will never leave or forsake us

The way we relate to others is largely shaped by the way we relate to God – we must begin to look at Him for what He really is – our Heavenly Father

Romans 8:15

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." NKJV

Romans 8:34, 39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV

When our feelings towards God are positive we tend to have a more positive outlook on others and on life in general

There are things in us that God wants to use to bless other people – When we live in self-preservation mode we hinder what God is trying to do through and for us

1 John 4:20-21

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. NKJV

Love for God ultimately pans out in our love and trust for others

When we are growing in the love of God we are able to bless others in the way we live and in turn others are a blessing in our lives

Ephesians 4:15-16

15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share , causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. NKJV

Jeremiah 31:3 NKJV

3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Luke 4:18-19

18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." NKJV

Remember the “god of this world” wants to *Blind and Bind*
Jesus came to *Set you Free and Help you See*

The ultimate fear of abandonment – Fear of Death

Most people don't want to think about it because it can be frightening

No single word communicates finality quite like it

I think it is important for us to realize first of all that we were never created to die

We were made in the image of God, infused with the very life of God to live for eternity immune to disease and death

When Adam and Eve were tempted sin and death entered

Genesis 2:17

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." NKJV

We must understand that everything that happens in the natural realm happens in the spiritual realm first

When God said that Adam would die He meant that he would be separated from His very Life Force and Provision

In the garden Adam and Eve enjoyed a perfect union with God where life (zoe) and provision were a reality

They turned over the life of God for fear, death, sin and disease

God has now made provision for all of us to escape the clutches of spiritual death and enter back into eternal life through Jesus Christ

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. NKJV

- When Jesus “saved” us He rescued from the curse of sin and its affects on earth and after death
- We now have the life of God flowing through us energizing our spirits
- We are no longer spiritually dead

Colossians 1:13-14

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. NKJV

We must remember it is not our good works that get us into heaven

We must become spiritually reborn – a recreated, regenerated spirit

It is that regenerated spirit that is quickened and made alive by faith in Jesus Christ that gains us access to heaven

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. NKJV

2 Corinthians 5:8

8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. NKJV

Luke 16:19-25

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. NKJV

- Hell is a real place
- It was never intended for mankind
- It was created for the devil and his angels
- We can now receive Jesus as our savior

Hebrews 2:14-16 NKJV

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Romans 10:11-13

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." NKJV

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. NKJV

We are a spirit
We have a soul
We live in a body

Example of a suit

Life doesn't end with our last breath but our last breath can be the beginning of a beautiful and bright future with God that lasts throughout eternity