#### Faith Factor – 10

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

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 attracts destruction Faith attracts blessing

### 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 ultimate way to overcome the Fear of Man is the Fear of the Lord

#### Proverbs 9:10

10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. NKJV

The "Fear of God" has a lot of confusion attached to it

When the Word talks about fearing God, it doesn't mean to be afraid of Him as if He were a mean taskmaster

That type of fear is from the Devil, bringing torment

To fear the Lord means to have a reverence for Him and to live a life of obedience to His word

Some people want to live selfish lives that disregard the Bible and anything that is perceived as a threat to their selfish lifestyles

## 1 John 5:2-3

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. NKJV

- O When we have a reverence for God we want to obey Him
- We realize that He has our best interest in mind
- He wants to protect us and give us abundant life

Our love for God is evident when we are willing to let His love for us lead us

When we honor God and make His word and Wisdom the final authority in life we open the door to the wisdom of God which will bring success

It is essential to have a genuine confidence in God's love as well as true honor for Him to have results

It's not about going to Church and "doing" religious things

### Psalm 34:7-9

7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. NKJV

- o Fear of the Lord is trusting Gods word
- It has nothing to do with our good works
- o Its about Honor and Respect for Him and His word
- The Fear of the Lord brings protection
- The Fear of the Lord brings provision

The Fear of the Lord affects our relationships

## Ephesians 5:21-22, 25

- 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.
- 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her. NKJV

The Bible goes on in Ephesians 6 and tells children to submit to their parents, and employees to submit to employers as to the Lord

The Fear of the Lord applies to every aspect of life

The Fear of the Lord brings great peace in every area of life

#### Psalm 128:1-6

1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. 2 When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants All around your table. 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. 5 The LORD bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life. 6 Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel! NKJV

If you want to be a person who pleases God you have got to be a person who understands and values the Word of God

The Fear of the Lord releases the blessings of God into your life

It's important to fear and honor God in our thoughts, motives, words, and actions

The only way to do that is by renewing our minds with the word of God

#### Fear of Death

No single word communicates finality quite like it It is important for us to realize first of all that we were never created to die

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

- 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

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

### Hebrews 2:14-15 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

Life doesn't end with our last breath but our last breath can be the beginning of a eternal and bright future with God

# 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

# Keys to staying Fear-Free

Don't ever fall into the idea that having a little fear is okay Meditating on God's word and perfecting God's love in our lives will help us get rid of fear

#### 1 John 3:21

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. NKJV

# Live Right

Living according to the word of God doesn't change God it changes us

Living in obedience to God's word gives us boldness and confidence for life

When we continue to live in habitual sin we bring condemnation on ourselves making it difficult to receive from God through faith

## Speak the Word

Start agreeing with the word of God rather than the voice of fear

From finances to personal safety God's word has you covered

The word brings authority – example of a patrol officer

## Stay in the Light of God's Presence

Practice the presence of the Lord

Psalm 16:11

11 In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. NKJV