

Faith Factor – 2

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 bottom line is if our greatest fear is not overcome by our faith in the promises of a living God that which we greatest fear will come upon us – Story of Job

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

2 Timothy 1:7

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. NKJV

Fear is something that has to be received from the outside
It is a foreign spirit that will try to invade our re-born spirits
Its ultimate purpose is to bring us under bondage

Bondage: *Webster's "the condition of being involuntarily subject to a power, force or influence."*

Hebrews 2:15

15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. NKJV

Any kind of fear no matter how insignificant it seems will put you in bondage

According to the Bible fear is a sin
Remember fear and faith are polar opposites
Faith is encouraging us to trust God and His word
Fear is trying to get us under bondage to the enemy

No Slide: Romans 14:23 NKJV

For whatever is not from faith is sin.

God honors faith because it demonstrates our trust in Him
Fear is rooted in rebellion because we are allowing the
Devil to do what He wants in our lives

Fear is supported by a demonic spirit that will destroy your
life

Whenever we walk in fear we put ourselves in bondage to
the things we're afraid of, and they can literally begin to
control us – causing us to become oppressed and tormented

Acts 10:38

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was
with Him. NKJV

Just as you and I would never accept sexual harassment in
the workplace or someone threatening to harm our family
we should not allow the Devil to take us on his fear ride

Isaiah 54:14

14 In righteousness you shall be established;
You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear;
And from terror, for it shall not come near you. NKJV

- We are in a battle for our minds
- Fear wants to control your life
- Here we see the Bible says we do not have to receive
terror and fear
- It won't come near us!

Whatever you give attention to is what will become large in your life

A fear filled mind will believe the lies of the enemy

Take a stance against fear on the word of God and live in freedom

Watch you words

Proverbs 18:21

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit. NKJV

Satan wants to get you to doubt God's ability to provide for your needs. When we speak the words of doubt and unbelief we are agreeing with fear.

Don't say:

I'm never going to get out of this mess

I will never be healed of this sickness

The worst thing we can do when we are faced with the pressure of fear is to agree with it by speaking words that agree with the spirit of fear

The things you hear out of your mouth go down into you heart

Proverbs 26:22

22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. KJV

The enemy's strategy is designed to get you to act out of fear and give Satan the ability to move in your life

Keys to breaking out of torment

Speak Against Torment

- Don't allow tormenting thoughts to get in your heart
- Open your mouth and speak against it
- Find scriptures that deal with your situation
- Declare the word of God with boldness and intensity

Act against Torment

- If you have a fear of lack – Become a giver
Put a budget together live by it and start to tithe and give offerings
- If you're afraid to pray for people get a hold of some scriptures and start to minister to others
- If you're afraid of relationships ask someone to meet you for coffee – join a bible study or small group – volunteer in ministry – call that relative
- If you're afraid of heights – take an elevator to the top floor

Consistency is the key to your breakthrough – as soon as fear shows up you must counterattack it

Guard your heart and mind

Proverbs AMP

23 Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

Living in a world where bad things happening are common place its important that we don't let the spirit of fear get in and steal peace from us

We may even think...

“How could God allow these bad things to happen?”

It's important that we build up our faith to trust in Gods divine protection in every circumstance

To do that we need to remember we have an Enemy

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

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. NKJV

It's important we realize as children of God, we are in a place of absolute power over Satan – Luke 10:19

Because we are all born in sin or “shaped in iniquity”

– Psalm 51:5 we need to adopt a new mindset

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior we are moved from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God This means the devil has no legal right to gain access into our lives

Even though there can be struggles we understand our victory in Christ and can defeat him every time

Ephesians 2:4-6 NKJV

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**

One of the benefits of the Kingdom of Heaven is we have divine protection and redemption from death, both spiritual and physical

Psalms 103:4 NKJV

4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Redeemed from secret traps and deadly diseases

Psalms 91:3

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence. NKJV

Redeemed from dangers at night and attacks in the daytime

Psalms 91:5

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day, NKJV

Redeemed from destruction all around

Psalm 91:7

7 A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you. NKJV

Attacks against our homes

Psalm 91:10 NKJV

10 No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

How does God carry out His promise of redemption?
Through His Angels!

Psalm 91:11-13 NKJV

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you ,
To keep you in all your ways.
12 In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

Hebrews 1:14

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister
for those who will inherit salvation? NKJV

Get your mouth involved

Psalm 103:20

20 Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word. NKJV