

Faith Factor – 6

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 Lack – We need to learn to trust the Lord in these troubled times as our source of provision or the fear of lack will control our thinking

Deuteronomy 2:7

7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing." NKJV

Psalm 105:37

37 He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes. NKJV

Hosea 4:6 NKJV

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

- Destroyed – “Cut off”

Don’t be cut off because you don’t have understanding of God’s work about provision – His word is full of promises

Sometimes we don’t receive what God has for us because we become slack

Joshua 18:2-3

2 But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? NKJV

Slack – to be slow to move, slow to believe, slothful, lazy and idle. It can also mean that a person’s perception is dull

We need to reach out and seize the things we see in Gods promises by faith

Habakkuk 2:4

4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith. NKJV

Deuteronomy 29:29 NKJV

29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

God wants to be your source, and He wants to eliminate lack in your life

When we lack something in an area it affects everything from our peace to our physical well-being

Lack is a huge enemy that the Lord wants to destroy off of our lives

Deuteronomy 28:7 NKJV

7 "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

We need to arm ourselves with faith until we see the enemy of lack defeated in our lives

If God took care of the Children of Israel for forty years in the wilderness He will do it for you

We have a covenant with Jesus and He never changes

Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. NKJV

Psalm 35:27

27 "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." NKJV

The word prosperity here is Shalom which means...

"Well being, completeness, wholeness, nothing missing and nothing broken in your life"

Philippians 4:19

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. NKJV

Psalms 65:11

11 You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance. NKJV

Lack may be a reality in the world, but for those who trust in the Lord we have nothing to worry about

Taking care of our needs is easy for God

When we allow the word of God to become more real to us than our circumstances, when we seek God and create an outflow of finances by sowing seed into the Kingdom of God, we will find ourselves living in a constant flow of provision

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

God's 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

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 be 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.