

Faith Factor

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
The love of God (*Faith*) transcends the spirit of fear and will flush it out of our lives

Before we start we need to talk about the two primary spiritual laws that are at work in our lives

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ
The Law of Sin and Death
– **Romans 8:2**

These two laws are complete opposites of one another
The first brings the Blessings of the Life in Christ Jesus
The second brings the curse of the Law of Sin and Death

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

Hebrews 11:1, 6

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the
evidence of things not seen.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he
who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a
rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. NKJV

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

Fear attracts destruction
Faith attracts blessing

Job 3:25

25 For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me,
And what I dreaded has happened to me. NKJV

Job 1:4-5

4 And his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on
his appointed day, and would send and invite their three
sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 So it was, when the
days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send
and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning
and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them
all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and
cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly. NKJV

Religion can only bring a blind hope that our piety and sacrifice will appease an angry god – producing worry

Relationship removes fear and empowers us through faith

Job 42:5,12

5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,

But now my eye sees You.

12 Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. NKJV

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

- Fear of lack
- Fear of rejection
- Fear of getting a disease

2 Peter 1:1-4

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained **like precious faith** with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. NKJV

God has given us a free will
We need to choose what we will believe – Fear or Faith

Deuteronomy 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; NKJV

Faith will drive the fear, doubt, and unbelief out of our life

The choice is ours!

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

We live in a fear filled world

Just like you can't jump in a lake and not get wet its next to impossible to live in this world and not be effected by fear

Fear brings torment and will try to dominate your thinking

It's easy to become a victim of fear when if look at the world around us and fail to see the truth in Gods word

Fear will bring us into Bondage to the enemy

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

Romans 14:23 NKJV

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Fear really is rebellion against God and His way of doing things

God honors faith because it demonstrates our trust in Him
Fear is 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 your 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 scripture that deal with your situation
- Declare the word of God with boldness and intensity

Act against Torment

- If you have a fear of lack – put a budget together live by it and start to tithe and give offerings
- If you're afraid to pray for people get a old 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 you breakthrough – as soon as fear shows up you must counterattack it

Guard your 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.