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Fear is Big Business

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My Dear Ministry Friends

Fear is big business; a huge money maker. Fear is not from God; it is from the devil. It is being propagated and preached on every news agency around the world.

The times in which we are living could accurately be called the "age of fear." The media sees to it that messages of fear come at us from every side. Newscasts and newspapers offer a smorgasbord of fears such as the fear of new, incurable viruses and diseases, the fear of economic collapse, and the fear of crime and terrorist attacks.

The list is endless. As a result, the faith of many is challenged, and fear the great enemy of faith, has flooded men's hearts and minds.

Frozen Lake

When dealing with fear, you need to realize that Satan operates and uses things found in the natural realm. His tactic is to convince you that the things you can see and hear are more real than the truth of God's Word. When you depend on what you can see, rather than on what God has said, you leave yourself wide open for deception.

Satan will use that deception to attack more than one area of your life. I recall while living in Sweden I came to a place where the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I had more fear in my life than I thought. We had been invited to the Summer House of some friends for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. It was in

the wintertime when snow covered the land, and the lakes were frozen giving way to all the outdoor recreation of snowmobiling, skiing, and outdoor barbeques. My son Joshua was nine years old; all this kind of recreation was new to all of us. Riding snowmobiles on a frozen lake, walking and skiing on these lakes gave way to my imagination of falling through the ice and not being found till the spring thaws.

Upon arrival, our friends Joel and Elizabeth Lundgren, said Peter; their son, and Joshua, had taken the family snowmobile, and had ridden across the frozen lake to visit some friends on the other side. My heart sunk! I said, "Joshua has never been on a snowmobile in his life—let alone on a frozen lake." Fear gripped me, and my imagination went into overdrive.

I kept looking across the lake and could see no one in sight. I came close to hyper-ventilating from the fear of the snowmobile falling through the ice with my son on it.

Joel sensed my fear and said, "Betty, do not be afraid, they are alright!" I cannot tell you the relief I had when I saw them coming across the lake.



Close the Door

It was then that I realized that permitting fear any foothold in my life was an abomination to God. I knew I had to close the door on fear from operating against me. Recognize it is not you. It is an outside force coming against you. Once you know and understand fear is not of God. You can close that door to fear and refuse to open it again. I can attest to this in my life.

I recall living in fear most of my life. It stopped me from doing and being all that God had designed for me. Until, I made the decision to TRUST GOD more than fear did I begin to see victory in many areas of my life? Let me say, that fear never stops being a force against you. You must learn that it is the opposite of faith, and your faith must be in God's Word that says, *He will keep your feet from being caught in a trap or hidden danger; He will give you safety and ease you.* That is what we as believer's do. We TRUST GOD, and His Word. You may need to say it 1,000 times a day till you rid yourself of unbelief in God's Word and TRUST HIM!

Your Worst Enemy

Like sin, fear is an enemy. According to Revelation 21:8, God places fear in the same category as the unbelieving and the abominable. It is a demonic force that is neither cute nor funny. In addition, all fear is rooted in the fear of death. As you look back over the testimony I just gave. What was my fear? It was the fear of death. I closed that door, and I do this on a consistent basis.

For instance, there have been reports of individuals who were afraid to die in an airplane accident, and they died in plane crashes. It was no coincidence. Their fear of death connected them to the accident. The same is true of people who are afraid of contracting cancer or other terminal illness. Their fear is stronger than their faith in healing, and they ultimately contract the disease and die.

To walk in fear is to be oppressed by the devil. However, according to Acts 10:38, "*God anointed Jesus of*

Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." This can become a confession you can make. How you are anointed with Holy Ghost and with power, and that the devil CANNOT oppress you!

Jesus did not cope with the works of the devil; instead, He destroyed them! He went straight to the core of the matter. Hebrews 2:14-15 says, "*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he [Jesus] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them [us] who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*"

Jesus has delivered you from all oppression. Therefore, make a quality decision not to tolerate fear on any level, not even for the sake of entertainment, or going to a movie that you know is going to OPEN the DOOR into your life with fear. Although there is nothing wrong with having a good time with family and friends, you should use wisdom when selecting activities in which you choose to participate. Make sure that they are not fear-based activities designed to keep you in bondage to the spirit of fear.

Fear is a horrible monster, no matter what form it takes. Therefore, believers should avoid becoming an accomplice to fear or assisting it in keeping them bound. Galatians 5:1 says, "*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*"

You see freedom from fear and apprehension is included in the salvation plan. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Make the Decision, No Fear Here!

Unfortunately, the world is still in the dark where fear is concerned. Millions of dollars are made off fear each

"...You and I live in a world that's engaged in a spiritual battle. Even your smallest struggles in life are part of a much bigger war. The REAL fight is INVISIBLE. You can pretend it is not there. You can call it strange or weird. But in the supernatural realm it is very real. I want you to understand that fear is the first enemy you must deal with in every life situation you come up against. James 4:6 Amp says, ...Resist the devil (stand firm against him), and he will flee from you."

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year. From "slasher" films and video games to specific rides at amusement parks (i.e., haunted houses), fear has become big business.

However, for the believer, 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "...*God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*"

The moment you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior; you no longer had the spirit of fear. You now have the spirit of God, the Spirit of love, because God is love. I John 4:16 Furthermore, verse 18 says, "...*perfect love casteth out all fear.*" In these last days, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to walk in fear. 2 Timothy 3:1 says, "*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*"

Furthermore, Luke 21:26 says, "*that men's hearts will fail them because of fear.* However, while describing many of the end-times events to His disciples, Jesus told them to "...*see that ye be not troubled.*" (Matthew 24:6)

There is only one way to remain fearless in a world of turmoil, hatred, war, and uncertainty—trust the One who told you not to be troubled. To conquer fear, give your life completely to the Lord and yield totally to His will, which is the only safe place for a believer. Only then will you find protection, provision, and direction in these perilous times.

Psalms 91:15-16 says, "*He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With Long life will I satisfy him and shew him my salvation.*"

Make a commitment to give God first place where your time, money, career, and family are concerned. When you do, *He will keep you in perfect peace.* (Isaiah 26:3)

Remember, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to you in the name of Jesus. (Luke 10:19) You have authority over everything that walks, crawls, creeps, flies, and swims. Therefore, you have no reason to be fearful. Instead, trust in the Lord. Should Satan come against you with his lies and fears, remind him that, "*The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made [you] free from the law of sin and death.*" (Romans 8:2)

fear can no longer hold you in bondage. You are free! Therefore, walk in your freedom.

Father,

You are my Refuge and Strength (mighty and impenetrable to temptation), a very present and well-proved help in trouble.

Lord, you have given and bequeathed to me Your peace. By Your grace I will not let my heart be troubled, neither will I let it be afraid. With the help of the Holy Spirit I will (stop allowing myself to be agitated and disturbed; and I REFUSE to permit myself to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled).

I am the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD in CHRIST JESUS! There is NO GUILT, SHAME, CONDEMNATION, FEAR, SICKNESS, DIS-EASE, because you took that to the CROSS and TRIUMPHANT OVER IT, JESUS! You, JESUS, gave me the ABUNDANT LIFE!!!! Glory to GOD!!!



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