

Fear is the Enemy of the Believer

Fear paralyzes the believer. Fear is the opposite of faith.

James 1:6-7 KJV says, “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”

We, as believers, have great things to do for God; but faith must be in operation for them to come to pass. Fear robs us, because it causes our faith to be inoperative. Let's see what happened to Peter when he got into fear.

Matthew 14:29-31 KJV And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. [31] And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Joshua 10:8, 25 KJV And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.[25] And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

Psalms 23:4 KJV Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

27:1 KJV The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

34:4 KJV I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

There have been times, after I was saved and filled with the Spirit, that I let the devil beat me out of God's blessings; because I got into fear. Fear caused me to not make a decision that I knew I was suppose to make. So, I was robbed by fear.

There is so much potential in us that never is released because of fear. But how do we stop fear from operating in our lives? This is a question that has been asked by mankind since the beginning of time. To be free from something, you must know its origin. So where did fear come from?

2 Timothy 1:7 KJVFor God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind

Fear comes from the devil's spirit, but notice that God's Spirit removes the spirit of fear. The night I was filled with the Holy Spirit, I became fearless. I was an assistant pastor at the church my dad had founded. Now from the time I had gotten out of high school, I had been a mechanic. But there I was, 34 years old, couldn't talk properly, and I had cheated my way through high school to graduate. I was so afraid to speak in public, but when the senior pastor wasn't there, I had to speak; and I was terrorized! But on the night that I was filled with the Holy Ghost, I was so bold that I preached without any fear at all! I had a healing service, and many people were set free by the power of God!

What happened to me is the same thing that happened to the 120 believers in the upper room in Acts 2. They had just seen Jesus crucified on the cross, and they were afraid that the same thing would happen to them. So they were hiding in the upper room. But when they were filled with the Holy Ghost, fear left them.

I had been studying about the Holy Ghost in the Bible for two years before it happened to me.

Faith had come into my heart on the subject of the Holy Ghost. Then after faith came, the Holy Ghost came; and fear left. Why did fear leave though? Because fear has no power against the Holy Spirit!

Since the night that I was filled with the Holy Spirit, I have had fear try to come back on me. There have been times I yielded to it, and I became bound once again. But I learned how to get free the first time, so I did the same thing again; and freedom returned. I learned that all you have to do is yield to the Holy Ghost, and fear will leave you. The more we meditate on the Holy Spirit, study Him and yield to Him, the more we will see a boldness in our lives that we never thought we could experience. Fear will start losing its grip on our lives.

Tomorrow at Church, use your faith, and receive the Holy Spirit's ministry. Don't live a religious Christian life! Live a Holy Ghost, power-packed life!

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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10-26-19

***This Week's Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	Psalm chapter 119:105-128
Tuesday	Psalm chapter 119:129-152
Wednesday	Psalm chapter 119:153-176
Thursday	Psalm chapter 120
Friday	Psalm chapter 121
Saturday	Psalm chapter 122
Sunday	Psalm chapter 123

***Upcoming Events**

1. **Baptisms:** Sunday at end of Services
2. **Singles Eating at:** Luigi's Express on Cache Rd
3. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** Mon-Fri 9:30-10:30am in the Gym
4. **Faith Fellowship Meetings:** In the Mall Chapel. Each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7-8pm.
5. **Mobile Prayer:** Fridays 1:30-3pm in Sam's Warehouse Parking Lot
6. **Friday Night Prayer:** 7pm in Mall Chapel
7. **Men's Friday Night Basketball:** Friday 7pm in the Gym
8. **Men's Fellowship:** Saturday 9am at Golden Corral
9. **Door to Door Witnessing:** Saturday 9:30am
10. **Crosses at the Corner:** Saturday 12-1pm
11. **Pastor Appreciation:** Envelopes are at the Ushers' Booth and Information Desks for love offerings for
Pastor Paul. Just ask your Heavenly Father what He would have you do.
12. **Men's Retreat:** November 8-9 at Camp Faith. \$25 registration Friday evening

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** Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers

and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

Sundays * Prayer: 9-9:15am by Andra's office at Lee side entrance

* Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am.

* Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley

Financial Class: -----Terry Boyd

Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul

Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon

Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrius Williams

Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham

Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade

Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore

Young Singles/College & Career —Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily * Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Friday in Chapel on Lee Blvd side of

Church

Weekly * Adult, Youth & Children Services: Wednesday night 7pm

* Faith Fellowship Meeting: Each Mon, Tue, & Thur 7-8pm in Mall

Chapel

* Friday Night Prayer: 7-8pm in Mall Chapel

* Men's Friday Night Basketball: Friday 7pm in Gym

* Door to Door Witnessing: 9:30am every Saturday

Monthly * Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden

Corral

* Crosses at the Corner: 12-1pm 1st Saturday at corner of Sheridan

and Cache Rd.

* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month

* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month at

Camp Faith