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Freedom From the Fear of Man

Some Christians are living their life in bondage, because they are afraid of mankind. Some people are afraid that man will hurt them physically; while others fear that they will be rejected by someone (peer pressure). God has never been afraid of man, and He has chosen us to be like Him. If we allow Him, He will take us up to His level of no fear. Fear of any kind has torment; that's why God wants us to be fearless. Our Father God is the only One that can train us to be fearless. Fear started in the Garden of Eden through Adam's sin. When Jesus came, He took our sins so that we could not only be free from sin, but free from fear as well. We must receive it by faith. Let's look where Isaac got into fear of the king.

Genesis 26:6-11 NCV So Isaac stayed in Gerar. [7] His wife Rebekah was very beautiful, and the men of that place asked Isaac about her. Isaac said, "She is my sister," because he was afraid to tell them she was his wife. He thought they might kill him so they could have her. [8] Isaac lived there a long time. One day as Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out his window, he saw Isaac holding his wife Rebekah tenderly. [9] Abimelech called for Isaac and said, "This woman is your wife. Why did you say she was your sister?" Isaac said to him, "I was afraid you would kill me so you could have her." [10] Abimelech said, "What have you done to us? One of our men might have had sexual relations with your wife. Then we would have been guilty of a great sin." [11] So Abimelech warned everyone, "Anyone who touches this man or his wife will be put to death."

Isaac was the promised child that God gave Abraham. I'm sure that, as a child, he had been told many times how special he was. Also, he was told that his father, Abraham, had met with God; and he was born because of that meeting. Even though he was a child born by a miracle of God, he still had to deal with fear.

We, as born-again Christians, are special children as well. We could not be born again without the miraculous power of God. We must look through the eyes of faith and see that our God will keep us and protect us. Fear must be stopped in our lives, so that we can be free from torment. Where fear is, there will always be torment. Let's look at these verses to see how we can go free.

1 John 4:16-18 KJV And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. [17] Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. [18] There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

David was a man that did awesome things for the Lord. One of the greatest things he did was kill a giant that mocked God and the children of Israel. God wants us to be fearless as well.

1 Samuel 17:43-46,50-51,54 KJV And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. [45] Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. [46] This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

[50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. [54] And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

Mankind has lived under the power of the devil most of their lives, because satan has kept them in fear. This is a new day, and we will not put up with fear anymore! If God be for us, who can be against us. We must get a revelation that from here on out, we will not live in fear. When we confess our faith, we start pushing fear out. The Christian Center Confession Booklet is a major tool in becoming fearless. I encourage you to read it daily. You can get paper copies at the Church house, or you can read it on the TCC app. I will read it with you on the app. Tap the arrow, and it will play the audio. Love you.

Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Deuteronomy chapter 24

Tuesday Joshua chapter 1
Wednesday Joshua chapter 2
Thursday Joshua chapter 3
Friday Joshua chapter 4
Saturday Joshua chapter 5
Sunday Joshua chapter 6

Upcoming Events

- 1. Women's Dance Aerobics: 10-11amMon-Fri in the Gym
- 2. Mobile Prayer: Wednesday 2-3:30pmin our South parking lot; Friday 2-3:30pm Sam's Warehouse
- 3. Noonday Bible Study: In Sanctuary; live on KJRF 91.1fm; live stream on TCC app.12:15 Mon-Fri
- 4. Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm
- 5. Women's Discipleship: Thursday 5-6pm in Sanctuary
- 6. Offices closed Friday: No Early Morning Prayer, Aerobics, Noonday, Prayer Truck or

Friday Night Prayer

7. Singles' CHRISTmas Party: Saturday 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish or dessert to

share. Also bring a wrapped White Elephant gift (something laying around the house that you don't need)

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Sundays * Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd 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 Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrice 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-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app
 - * Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

Weekly * Sunday Services: 9:45 amclasses: 10:45am Main Service

- * Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm
- * Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)
- * Mobile Prayer: Wed 2-3:30pmLee Blvd parking lot; Fri 2-3:30pmSam's

Warehouse

* Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

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

* Crosses at the Corner: 1st Saturday corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

11am-1am

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

* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday of each month 5pm in Sanctuary

* Horse Ministry: 3rd Saturday of each month 12-3pm

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