

Fear Is The Enemy of the Believer

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.

Fear is the opposite of faith, and it paralyzes the believer. As believers, we have great things to do for God; but faith must be in operation for these things to come to pass. Fear robs us, because it causes our faith to be inoperative. Let's look at 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 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 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. I got into fear, and it caused me to make decisions I knew were not right. So, I was robbed by fear. There is so much potential in all of 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 for thousands of years. To be free from something, you must know its origin. So where did fear come from? It comes from the devil's spirit, not from God!

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

I was a mechanic after I got out of high school, but I had cheated my way through school in order to graduate. I became an assistant pastor at the church my dad had founded; and at the age of 34, I was so afraid to speak in public; and I couldn't even speak properly. When the senior pastor wasn't there, I had to speak; and I was terrified! However, after studying about the Holy Ghost in the Bible for two years, faith came into my heart! After faith came, the Holy Ghost came, and fear left! So on the night that I was filled with the Holy Ghost, I became so bold that I preached without any fear! I had a healing service, and many people were set free by the power of God!

That 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 were afraid that the same thing would happen to them. But when they were filled with the Holy Ghost, fear left

them. Why did fear leave though? Because it has no power against the Holy Spirit!

Since then, I have had fear try to come back on me; and at times I yielded to it, and I became bound 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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8-4-19

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

Monday	Psalm chapter 39
Tuesday	Psalm chapter 40
Wednesday	Psalm chapter 41
Thursday	Psalm chapter 42
Friday	Psalm chapter 43
Saturday	Psalm chapter 44
Sunday	Psalm chapter 45

***Upcoming Events**

1. **Baptisms:** Sunday at end of Services
2. **College and Career Back to School Brown Bag Special:** After Services [next Sunday 8/4](#).
\$5 for hot dogs and/or wraps, chips, drink and dessert.
3. **Singles Eat:** [after Sunday](#) Services at Luigi's Express
4. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** [Mon-Fri 9:30-10:30am](#) in the Gym
5. **Faith Fellowship Meetings:** In the Mall Chapel. Each Monday, Tuesday, and [Thursday from 7-8pm](#).
6. **Sunday School Awards Ceremony:** Wednesday
7. **Communion:** Wednesday after Service
8. **Mobile Prayer:** Fridays [1:30-3pm](#) in Sam's Warehouse Parking Lot
7. **Friday Night Prayer:** [7pm](#) in Mall Chapel
8. **Men's Friday Night Basketball:** [Friday 7pm](#) in the Gym
9. **Women's Fellowship:** [Saturday 9am](#) in the Fellowship Hall
10. **Door to Door Witnessing:** [Saturday 9:30am](#)

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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](#) outside under carport on 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
- * Men's Meeting: [9am](#) 1st Saturday of each month

Monthly

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