

How to Know If You Are Being Controlled by Fear (Part 2)

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Scripture References:

- 2 Timothy 1:7
- 1 John 4:8, *NLT*
- Genesis 3:8-10
- Hebrews 2:14, 15
- Job 3:25
- Matthew 16:21-23, *NLT*
- Psalm 11:1-3 *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Hebrews 13:5, *NLT*
- Luke 22:32
- Jeremiah 29:11, *NLT*
- 2 Chronicles 20:3,12, 17, *NLT*
- Psalm 46:1
- Luke 1:18-20, *NLT*
- Matthew 28:5, 6, *NLT*

Summary:

The environment in which we live is anything but emotionally healthy; fear is all around us but, as Christians, we're called to live above this destructive emotion. Everyone has the opportunity to feel afraid occasionally—even believers. The difference between us and the world is that we have God's perfect love as the weapon to expel fear when it shows up. We win when we believe that God is greater than any fear we could face.

Notes:

1. Fear comes from the enemy, not from God; we defeat it by believing in God's love for us. Everyone feels fear at times; love is our response to it. We go on the offensive when fear shows up by opening our mouths and declaring, "God loves me, and I know it."
2. Ways to know when we're being controlled by fear include when it becomes our prison, when it steals our focus, and when it tempts us to hear influences outside of God's Word. Other things that indicate fear is controlling us are when it challenges our belief in God, keeps us from facing the battle, causes doubt, or makes us forget God's truth.
3. Fear keeps us in bondage to the point that we try to hide from God; however, God has delivered us from all fear, including the fear of death. When fear knocks on the door, we must be prepared to respond with the Word and believe what we say.
4. The devil's job is to convince us that we don't need God; however, if we begin to think like this, God will allow us to struggle and go through tough times to teach us that we really *do* need Him. We don't have to be afraid; God will always be faithful to us.

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