

Tolerating fear CONTAMINATES FAITH



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"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15). Fear is not a characteristic of our reborn spirit and does not come from within; it comes from something on the outside of us. The way to combat fear is through the promises of the Word of God and the faith you have in them. When we tolerate fear, we contaminate faith. Tolerating fear gives Satan exactly what he needs in order to operate in the earth. He needs fear to operate in the earth just like God needs faith in order to operate in the earth. **You** are the deciding witness.

Second Timothy 1:7 tells us, *"God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* Notice that fear does not come from God; He gave us power, love, and a sound mind with which we are to govern our lives. Fear shouldn't govern your life because that's bondage. Webster's dictionary defines bondage as "the condition of being involuntarily subject to a power, a force, or an influence"—exactly what happens when we yield to fear. It's important to remember that any kind of fear, regardless of how insignificant it may appear, will put you in bondage.

As Christians, we are in a battle for our minds. Satan knows that if he can infiltrate a person's mind with fear, he can control his or her life. Isaiah 54:14 says, *"In righteousness shalt thou be established."* That's a promise—now that we are born again, we are the righteousness of God and *"shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear."* This promise allows us to boldly make the confession every

morning: "Father, I give You praise, I'm getting ready to walk out of this house as the righteousness of God. I will not fear; therefore, oppression and terror shall not come near me." This is an answer for every believer who has ever battled fear of any kind. It is a promise from heaven that you can stand on.

God desires for every Christian to walk in His peace, but fear wants to disrupt and cancel the peace in our lives. We have to make a decision to keep our minds focused on what God says at all times. Tolerating fear will contaminate your faith. Job understood this all too well when he said, *"The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me"* (Job 3:25). A fear-filled mind will believe the ideas and lies of the enemy. When people try to put fear in you through their actions or words, show Satan you mean business by refusing to move from your stance on God's Word.

When fear comes up, we must stand on God's Word, no matter what, and say it out loud. We have to watch our words. The worst thing we can do in a situation in which fear-filled emotions are trying to overwhelm us is to speak negatively and agree with the fear we feel on the inside. Proverbs 4:23 tells us to keep our heart with all diligence, for out of it comes the issues of life. If we're going to guard our hearts, we also must guard our eye gates, our ear gates, and our mouth gates. Whatever gets in our heart comes through our eyes, ears, and mouth. What are you watching? What are you listening to? What are you saying that has the potential of entering into your heart and creating an issue in your life?

FEAR DOESN'T COME FROM WITHIN

What we meditate on in abundance will eventually overtake and overwhelm our lives. *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"* (2 Corinthians 10:5). We can capture every fearful thought and make it obey the Word of God. We capture thoughts with spoken words. When we have fearful thoughts, we must open our mouths and speak the promises of God concerning that fear. When we cast that imagination down, those thoughts will not be able to build and form issues in our lives.

We know that God cannot lie, and that He always performs His Word. This means that if God says it, that is the conclusion of the matter. If He says our lives are redeemed from destruction, it then becomes our responsibility to believe and receive the promise by faith. This is the first thing we must do to activate our deliverance from the enemy's hands.

In this season, set your life to Psalm 91 every day. *"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty"* (Psalm 91:1, NLT). We live in His shelter, which protects us from outside "stuff." In Him, we have rest, peace, and ease. *"This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection"* (Psalm 91:2-4, NLT). Since the Word of God is our armor and protection, we don't have to fear!

Taffi and I love you and pray for you every day. May the blessing of God be on you and your family. Remember, Jesus is Lord, and *"...in all of your getting, get understanding."*

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(2 TIM. 1:7; ISAIAH 54:14)

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