

NO MORE FEAR

The Origin Of Fear

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Fear is fed into a person's spirit as they spend time with the words of the enemy and that is the first step that begins the process that will deactivate the anointing and bring defeat in a person's life. Where does fear originate? You acted jealous, you got in strife, you're being lazy, but where did that jealousy, strife, and laziness begin?

I. Fear vs. Faith

- A. Fear is twisted/perverted faith; it's faith 180 degrees in the opposite direction
 - 1. Mark 4:40-Jesus equated their fear to no faith in him; they had in something, but it wasn't it him
 - 2. Luke 8:25-He didn't where's your faith in me; he said where is your faith
 - a. He's wanting them to locate where there faith is; there faith was in that storm and not in his word; that is fear
 - b. He's knows where their faith is; he's wanting them to assess where it is
 - c. Their faith was in the wrong god and that is fear
 - 3. The beginning of fear
 - a. When God created Adam, He created in Adam love, joy, peace, faith, etc
 - (1) Before Adam sinned he was hooked to God and all of those things that God put in Adam were working the way God created them to work
 - b. When Adam sinned, he died, in that He disconnected from God, who is life, and hooked to Satan, who is death (Gen 2:17)
 - (1) Satan isn't a creator, he has no ability to create; he perverts that which God created
 - (2) When Adam hooked to Satan, Satan perverted/twisted all those things that God put in Adam
 - c. Satan didn't create fear he perverted faith
 - (1) Fear wasn't created by Satan, faith was perverted by him
 - 4. If faith is trust and confidence in God what he will lead you, guide you, bless you, protect you and provide for you, then pervert that and what do you get? You get trust and confidence in Satan that he will harm you and bring misfortune in your life and that is fear
- B. Faith and fear operate by the same principles, but produce different results; Anything you find out about faith, you flip it around and the same is true about fear
 - 1. 1) Faith comes by hearing the words of God; fear comes by hearing Satan's words
 - a. People who refuse to give their attention to God's word won't very developed faith; people who refuse to give their attention to Satan's word won't have any fear

2. 2) It's impossible to please God without faith; it's impossible to please Satan without fear
 - a. Without faith God can't get involved in your life that doesn't please Him; without fear Satan can't get involved in your life; that doesn't please him
3. 3) Faith is the victory that overcomes the world; fear is the defeat that's overcome by the world
 - a. If you want to walk in victory you're going to have to walk in faith; if you want to walk in defeat you're going to have to walk in fear
4. 4) All things are possible to him that believes; things become impossible to him who fears
 - a. A man who lives by faith has no limits; a man who lives by fear is limited

II. Jesus redeemed you from fear

- A. Galatians 3:13-Jesus redeemed you from fear
 1. He has bought you out from the bondage of the curse by his blood
 2. Because of the price he paid you don't have to live in bondage to the curse
- B. Deuteronomy 28:65-67-Fear was a part of the curse that Jesus redeemed you from
 1. Jesus went to the cross so that you wouldn't have to live in bondage to fear
 2. Jesus bought you out of that kind of lifestyle
- C. Psalm 107:2-So we shouldn't be saying I'm afraid, that scared me & frightened me
 1. We're redeemed from fear & our confession should be I am redeemed
- D. When you got born again you weren't created with fear in your spirit (2 Tim 1:7)
 1. Romans 8:15-You had the spirit of fear once, but you don't have it anymore
 2. To say you're afraid is to speak crosswise to the Word of God

III. How do you know when you're operating in fear?

- A. You might feel afraid, but that doesn't mean you are; you might feel like a dog
 1. The feelings of fright are an opportunity to fear
 - a. Feelings are like thoughts in that they operate in the soul and you can't control which ones come, but you can control them when they get there
 - b. When the feelings are there are you have an opportunity to walk in fear
 2. The feelings of fright are the symptoms of fear
 - a. The way Satan would like to use the symptoms of sickness on your body to get you to believe your sick, he'd like to use the feelings of fright to get you to believe you're afraid; people who believe they're afraid are afraid
 3. We don't use our feelings to gage whether we are in fear; fear can't be defined by feelings of fright because fear is belief in something
- B. If fear was a thought or feeling it could just come on you; fearful thoughts & frightened feelings can come, but fear can't just come on you b/c it's a belief

1. Fear is faith in the enemy; that doesn't just come on you, that's a choice you make; If you don't chose to operate in fear, then you won't (Mk 4, Mt 14)
2. You're not operating in fear until you chose to think, talk, and act in your faith in what the enemy is saying

IV. How then does fear get into the life of a believer? Fear has to be fed into your spirit for it to get in there

- A. When Adam was created he wasn't created with fear in him because he was created in the image of God and there is no fear in God (Genesis 1:28, 1 John 4:18)
 1. When Adam disobeyed, fear caused it; Love obeys God and fear disobeys God
 2. How did fear get into Adam's spirit in this perfect place, the Garden of Eden?
 - a. Fear got into Adam's spirit by him giving his attention to the words of Satan
- B. Fear operates like this: the enemy speaks words in the form of a thought suggestion, a person gives their mind & attention to it, and through their mind it is fed into their spirit
 1. Fear comes by hearing and hearing by the words of Satan; faith comes by hearing the Words of God (Romans 10:14-17, 1 Samuel 17:11)
- C. It's what you do when Satan speaks that will determine whether or not your walk in victory or defeat