

NO MORE FEAR

The Act Of Fear

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Satan's goal in the operation of fear has the ultimate purpose of getting you to act in fear and based on fear. He wants you to think, talk, and act in response to your confidence in him to bring misfortune in your life.

I. Real belief, whether it be fear or faith, is revealed in how you act (James 2:26)

- A. The body without the spirit is inoperative, destitute of power, inactive
 - 1. The body can't work without the spirit, faith can't work without actions backing the belief
 - 2. What you believe is not revealed in what you say u believe, but in how you act
- B. Faith without works is dead; dead faith won't produce any results (James 2:26)
 - 1. Fear without works is dead; dead fear won't produce any results
 - a. The operation of faith can't work until somebody acts on their belief; likewise the operation fear can't work until somebody acts on their fear belief
 - b. Faith's job is to access the anointing, but it can't do that without your actions of faith; likewise fear's job is to deactivate the anointing, but it can't do that without your actions of fear
 - 2. Ultimately the operation of faith is designed to get you to the place where you are fully persuaded and acting like the Word is true and so no matter what the circumstances say
 - a. Joshua 6-The shouted before the wall was done
 - b. Matthew 14-Peter got on of the boat on the words of Jesus
 - c. The operation of faith is designed to get you to act like you've already one in your belief that you have

II. Satan's goal is to get you to the place where you act in fear because acts of fear deactivate the anointing

- A. Satan wants to feed fear into your spirit until that fear is dictating how you act
 - 1. He wants fear fed into your spirit until you're fully persuaded that this thing isn't going to work out for you and then you act accordingly
 - 2. Doing that deactivates the anointing and therein giving access to Satan to oppress you
- B. Romans 8:14-15-You not supposed to be led by fear, you're supposed by led by the spirit
 - 1. Fear will lead you into certain actions
 - a. Fear will lead you into discouragement, worry, talking contrary to the Word, jealousy, envy, strife, impatience, rudeness, selfishness
 - (1) All those acts reveal your confidence in him and therefore are acts of fear
 - b. Acts of fear vs. acts of faith (Two of the primary actions are your words and your attitude)

2. Anything outside of the love of is an act of fear and it's the result of your confidence in Satan

III. Acts Of Fear

- A. Mark 4:40-They were convinced that storm was going to kill them
 1. Their acts of fear
 - a. They talked in fear
 - (1) They said we perish (we are destroyed, killed, ruined, lost)
 - (2) They're not yet, but fear like faith will talk like it's done
 - b. They came to him in fear
 - c. They accused him in fear
 2. Jesus said you came to me, but it's "no faith"
 - a. They believed in had the power to stop it, but the devil believes that
 - b. They didn't act like what he said was true
 - (1) He said we are going to the other side and they didn't believe it and act like it was true
 3. The anointing that stopped the storm was not the result of their faith it was the result of Jesus'
- B. Job 1:5, 3:25,26-Job was convinced he was going to lose all he had
 1. Job is making sacrifices to God, but they are acts of fear done in fear
 2. Acts of fear that deactivated the anointing and granted access for Satan to oppress
 - a. He was not in safety-Unquiet, uneasy
 - b. He did not rest-He wouldn't lie still, he was disturbed, had wasn't at peace
 - c. He was not quiet-He wouldn't settle down
 - d. Faith rests and fear is restless (Hebrews 4:3, Psalm 3)
 3. He feared losing all that he had and it came upon him
- C. Numbers 13-They were convinced they were going to die out here on this adventure with Moses
 1. You can see their acts of fear in the confession and their attitude
 - a. 28-29,31-4-The words of their mouth
 - b. 14:2-Murmuring
 - c. 14:4-Return to Egypt
 2. Their acts of fear kept them from the anointing necessary to possess the land
 - a. Fear was fed into their spirit b/c those 10 spies were Satan's voice
 - b. The more they listened to those spies and looked at the problem fear was fed into them until they were fully persuaded that they couldn't go in and they acted accordingly
- D. Gen 3:1-6-They were convinced that if they didn't eat of that tree there was going to be something they wouldn't know, wouldn't see, wouldn't be
 1. Their act of fear was they disobeyed God because they were afraid that if they obeyed they were going to miss out

2. That act of fear cost them the power of God

IV. Reversing the operation of fear back to faith

- A. How are you acting because that's what you believe.? Are you acting in fear?
 1. Has the operation of fear went to work in your life that you're so full of fear that you're talking in fear, you're discouraged, angry, bitter, impatient; have you quit standing and quit believing?
 2. How are your attitude and your confession?
 - a. People who are in faith are talking like it's done and they have great joy and peace
- B. Rom 4:16-The operation of faith went to work in Abraham's life not the operation of fear
 1. 17-He's talking like it's done-That's faith acting
 2. 20-He's praising like it's done; that's his attitude-That' faith acting
 3. 21-He was full of faith-He was fully persuaded this was going to work out for him
 4. 18,19-He didn't feed fear
 5. The anointing showed up in response to is faith being alive and operative and it caused a 90 year-old woman and a 100-year old man to have a baby