

NO MORE FEAR

God Loves Me

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: Fear takes root where people lack faith in God's love. If you'll get fully persuaded in your faith concerning God's love for you, you'll walk free from fear.

I. When your certain God loves you, you will be fearless

- A. When somebody loves you: **1)** They're totally **for** ur good & prosperity **2)** They want the best for u & don't want anything good to be withheld from u **3)** They do everything in their power to see to it that u have safety & prosperity **4)** They care for u (heed ur safety & prosperity)
 - 1. When u are fully persuaded that God loves u, you're fully persuaded about those things
- B. Num14:6-Joshua & Caleb were certain God loved them & that's why they weren't afraid
 - 1. Deuteronomy 1:21-32-They don't believe God loves them and that's why they are afraid
 - a. 26-27-They were afraid if they did what God said something negative would happen to us; They don't believe God loves them
 - 2. God loves us we don't have to be afraid of the giants; He wouldn't tell to do something if it meant our harm; He loves us & will give us that city; He'd never lie to us, He loves us

II. When you're not fully persuaded in faith that God loves you, fear will have place in your life; When you are operating in fear, you are uncertain about God's love for you

- A. Mark 4:35-Their fear was rooted in their belief that Jesus didn't care about them/love them
 - 1. They were uncertain about his love and that's why they were afraid
 - 2. **Care**-Forethought & interest not anxiety; value, esteem, heed one's safety & prosperity
 - a. What you love you're interested in, you value, you esteem, you pay attention to
 - b. They are saying you're not interested in us, you don't value & esteem us, you're not interested in our safety & prosperity, you don't care about us, u don't love us
 - 3. 35-His love for them was demonstrated when he gave them his word
 - a. God's word represents safety and prosperity and when he gave it to them he gave them the opportunity to be safe and to prosper
- B. Genesis 3:1-6-Their fear was rooted in their belief that God didn't love them
 - 1. The 1st words Satan spoke were spoken to plant uncertainty about God's love for them
 - a. 4-God lied to you-He doesn't love you (you don't lie to those you love)
 - b. 5-He knows that if you eat of that tree all these good thing are going to happen to you that He doesn't want for you because he doesn't love you

- c. Satan is subtly insulating that there is something good that God doesn't want them see, something good God doesn't want them to be, and something good God doesn't want them to know/have because God doesn't love them
- 2. Their disobedience was rooted in the fear that if we do what God says we'll miss out
 - a. They didn't believe God love them (1-4 When Somebody Loves You)
- 3. This whole attempt could have been squashed with a response of, "God loves us."
 - a. Eating that tree must be bad because He told me not to do it; if good were to come from it He would have told me to do it b/c He loves me
 - b. He wouldn't lie to; He told me not to eat it to keep me safe b/c He loves me
 - c. If there's anything good to see, good to know, or good to be He will see to it that it's not withheld from me b/c he loves me

III. God is out 4 ur good & He'll do everything in His power to see to it that good manifests in ur life

- A. God can't just do anything; He needs us to do things so His love can show up (Rev 3:19)
 - 1. He'll do everything within His power to get me to do those things (Remind, teach, etc)
 - 2. EX: **Husband and wife**-Amber wants best for me and she's going to do everything in her power to see to it that I have the best in my life b/c anything good she wants me to have
- B. When you're fully persuaded that God loves you, nothing will make you afraid
 - 1. John 16:13-I don't have to be afraid b/c God loves me and the one who loves me knows everything; He sees into the future; if He sees harm coming my way he's going to tell me; if he knows there's an opportunity to increase greatly He'll show me
 - 2. 1 John 4:18, 1 Corinthians 13:8
 - a. I don't have to be in strife with you because the one who love me is going to see to it that this turns out for my good (Abraham and Lot)
 - b. I don't have to be impatient b/c the one who loves me is going to show me what to do and see to it that it's not always like this
 - c. I don't have to be rude, unkind, or selfish; I can be totally considerate of your needs, wishes, desires and what you want and I don't have to be afraid that my own needs, wishes, and desires won't be taken care of b/c there's one who has my needs, wishes, desires and wants on His mind 24/7 and He's taken care of me
 - d. I don't have to be jealous/envy you have b/c the one who loves me will get me one
 - e. I don't have to vaunt myself, boast or brag about myself, and endlessly promote myself b/c the one who loves me is vaunting me, boasting about me, bragging about me, and endlessly promoting me in the minds of people all the time

IV. If you were fully persuaded that God loved you, you'd believe He'd take care of you and you would have no fear where this situation is concerned

- A. Knowing the love of God will lead to believing the love of God, believing the love of God will lead to trusting the Love of God (1 John 4:18)
 - 1. Knowing the love---To learn, to understand, to know, to intimately know
 - a. 1) **Learn**-Gain knowledge about what was previously unknown (knowing what it is)
 - b. 2) **Understand** how the knowledge u gained works (knowing how it works)
 - c. 3) **You know it**-To have learned and to have understanding
 - d. 4) **You intimately know it**-You become intimate with what you know
 - (1) You cannot know significantly that which u don't spend significant time with
 - (2) U can't know something intimately w/o spending significant alone time w/ it
 - (3) You know the love by spending time meditating on it & confessing it & being conscious of it all the time, and through that you'll come to know it intimately
 - 2. Believing the love---To be persuaded of, to place confidence in, to trust
 - a. Knowing intimately will lead to being persuaded and in turn placing confidence in it
 - b. It's when you're persuaded of this love that you'll put your confidence in it
- B. 1 Peter 5:7-You'll cast your care on God when you're fully persuaded that he loves you
 - 1. 5-God gives grace to the humble
 - a. In the time of need you need grace to help; if grace abounds towards you you'll always have more than enough no matter what the need (Hebrews 4:16, 2 Cor 9:8)
 - 2. 6-**Therefore**-B/C God gives grace to the humble & you need grace to win therefore humble yourself
 - 3. 7-Casting your care on God is being humble; taking the care is pride
 - a. Taking the care will cause you to resist the grace
 - 4. 7-ALL care-Phil 4:8-You're not to have a care in the world b/c all your care is on God
 - 5. 7-You cast all of your care on God and have no care b/c (this is why) He cares for you
 - a. If u don't believe He cares for u & loves you you'll never cast the care & be fearless
 - b. When you cast the care upon him it's b/c you know, believe, & have confidence in His love for you; People take the care don't know and believe God loves them
 - (1) When a person knows & believes the Love they'll cast their care upon God and never touch it again
 - (2) EX: When u drop your car at the mechanic that's the last time u think about it
 - c. Trust is revealed when u place something of great value into the hands of another
 - 6. If u believed he loved you'd believe he'd take care of it for you & you wouldn't be afraid
 - 7. 8-Be sober, be vigilant (Be calm with your care on God, but be active) b/c Satan's trying to get you to take the care, get in pride, and resist the grace that he has no answer for
 - 8. 9-Resist the opportunity to take the care steadfast in faith that my father loves me

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- I. **God constantly followed up, "Fear not" with "I'm with and I'll help you" (Genesis 26:24, Deut 1:30, 20:4, 31:6,8, Josh 1:9, 2 Chron 20:17, Isaiah 41:13, 14, 43:5)**
 - A. I am with you: 1) You are not inferior 2) You can be certain of victory 3) I love you
 - B. When fear tries to come you need to remember the Lord Your God (Deut 7:17)
- II. **Understanding the blood covenant will go a long way in you understanding the authority you have, the certainty you have, and how much God loves you**
 - A. **Covenant Basics**
 1. Blood Covenant-A binding agreement where one totally gives himself over to another. It is a "coming together." Two have become one. This agreement is sealed and guaranteed by the shedding of blood.
 2. A blood covenant is the most serious agreement that people can enter
 - a. It demanded absolute, unwavering loyalty
 - b. The only way out of a blood covenant is death
 3. People most often came into covenant based on strengths and weakness
 4. The covenant representative was chosen
 5. The covenant site was chosen
 6. The animal was selected; It was parted down the back bone and split down the middle creating a pathway of blood
 7. Covenants were cut like this to effect **remembrance** (You remember blood)
 - B. **Each man takes off his coat and gives it to the other and says, this coat stands for "who I am, what I am"**
 1. Who I am – My authority --- What I am – What I do with that authority
 - a. EXAMPLE: A General in the army
 2. The coat God hands to us the coat of his body & the anointing (Gal 3:27, Ac 2)
 3. The coat we hand to God is our physical body (Romans 12:1)
 - a. A reasonable service b/c we're in covenant w/ him and He gave us His
 - b. Jesus presented his body to the Lord (John 8:28-29, John 14:9-12)
 - C. **They take off each other's belt of weapons (girdle) and say, "I'm giving you my strength. Ur enemies are mine. Even if I die, I'll stand with u and lend u my sword."**
 1. God gave us His armor (Ephesians 6:10)
 - a. I'm strong in the power of his might-He has given me His strength

2. God has chosen sides and my enemies are his enemies (Romans 8:31, Psalm 118:6, Is 54:17 – Any weapon formed against me is against Him)
 - a. Genesis 12-God keeps his covenant if he Has to curse others to do it
 3. The Help of the Holy Spirit –Sunantilambano (Rom 8:26)
 - a. First time the word help in the Greek was used
 - b. The attitude of the spirit towards that attack is anti, he is enraged, he is on edge, and the desire of the Holy Ghost is to reach out with you and grab hold of that thing and remove it from your life
 4. The weapons that we present to God (Our heart, our mind, our will, our emotions, our resources)
- D. The walk of blood. They walk through the path of blood between the halves, twice through and stop together in the middle and say, "Even as this animal has died, I will stand with you even in the midst of death. Standing in blood I make promises that I will never break."**
1. Isaiah 41:10-14-God holds our hand & walks the way of the blood with us
 2. This covenant is forever [Hebrews 13:5 (AMP)]
- E. The promises are made by each one**
1. God is pointing his finger in your face declaring the New Testament to you – That Bible is God speaking the covenant to you. These promises are absolutely unbreakable (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- F. Each representative swears by God to keep his promises, making God the third party and witness to the covenant. They say, "Standing here in blood I swear by God to keep this covenant."**
1. Hebrews 6:12-18-God swore by Himself to show us the absolute unchangeableness of His Word
- G. The cutting of flesh and mingling of the blood**
1. The wrist or hand was cut and the life blood of the family is being shed
 2. The flesh that was cut was the Jesus' back, his brow, his feet, and hands
- H. The hand is lifted as the oath is sworn, with blood running down the arm, to keep the terms of the covenant "so help me God!"**
1. Gen 14-Abraham said I lift up my hand unto God, I'm in covenant with God
 2. You lift your hand to God acknowledging your covenant with Him (Psalm 63:4, Psalm 134:2)
 3. Isaiah 41:10-God lifts his hand to you
- I. The seal of the covenant is the scar will never go away**
1. John 20:27-Those had to be left there b/c they are the marks of the covenant
 - a. The scar let everyone know who I'm in covenant w/ & the family I belong
 2. It is the sign we are absolutely one
 - a. Romans 2:29-There's a cut across your spirit
 - b. Hebrews 4:12-That two-edged sword cut my spirit and emptied me of death and then I was filled with the very life of God

c. 1 Corinthians 6:17-We are one and we carry the scar to prove it

J. The name change

1. We are one family, our names are one (Ephesians 3:15)
 - a. Ephesians 2:11-Be mindful that you were once a spiritual orphan
 - b. John 14:18-Jesus promised that he would not leave us orphans
2. Romans 8:14-15
 - a. 17-Not only did I get adopted in the family I'm treated like the first born
3. When I had no hope, when I had no future, when nearly everything I did Love despised, Love swooped me up and adopted me and put me in the family

K. We have become friends. To be a friend a covenant must have been made

1. There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24)
 - a. Blood is thicker than water – Blood is thicker than milk
 - b. The blood of the blood covenant is more serious than the water of the womb; You can't choose who you're born a kin to you, but you can choose who you enter blood covenant with
 - c. A relationship is born-all that has been done in one word-hesed (John 15:13-14 – That's covenant love)
2. Abraham a Friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23)
 - a. Genesis 18:20-Abraham stand before God over
 - b. Exodus 32:1-14-Moses for the people of Egypt
3. Remember
 - a. I hold you in my mind – You are ever before me – I live in constant reality of the bond between us – It is as if I am at this moment standing n the blood swearing – I am- Never I did or I will in the future, always now – I am plotting and planning ways to bless you and surprise you as I keep the covenant terms – Always action. Knock-I'll open. Seek you'll find. Ask-you'll receive

L. The covenant meal is the grand finale. The leaders are together.

1. They fed each other the bread as a final statement.
 - a. "Take me-all that I am. Eat of me, I am yours."
2. The cup of wine
 - a. They drank, saying, "Drink my life's blood as I drink your life's blood. I see you fulfilling all the terms of the covenant as I fulfill your life. This is the blood of my life. Drink my life. My life is now your life blood."
3. John 6:50-68-56-Eat me flesh and drink my blood and you'll dwell in me and I in you – That's covenant talk
4. Luke 22:14-20-Do this in remembrance of your covenant, do this in remembrance of the hesed of God

III. Isaiah 41:8

- A. 8-You are the seed of Abraham my covenant friend
 - 1. You are the seed of the one who I stood in blood and made covenant with
- B. 10-Fear not because I am with you
 - 1. He is on your side in the fox hole with you; he's not with them and God's team always wins
 - 2. He loves you
 - 3. You have access to His power
- C. 10-Don't be dismayed-gaze about in anxiety
 - 1. Why? I am your God
- D. 10-I will strengthen you
 - 1. It's my will to strengthen you
 - 2. I'll harden you to difficulties-that means they'll have no effect on you
- E. 10-I will help you
 - 1. It's my will to help you; Help-Support
 - 2. Romans 8:26-Help-Sunanitlambano---SUN-partnership, cooperation, what you do in a partnership with someone else; not what they do for you---ANTI-To be against, a menace to society, dangerously and socially against everything, danger or risk, If he's not bound he'll hurt someone, very hostile attitude, furious and angry ready to take actions---LAMBANO-Violent, I take or receive, to grab hold of, to forcefully seize or take something
- F. 10-I will uphold you; Uphold-Hold you up
 - 1. Ephesians 1:19-We are seated in Heavenly places with him
- G. 11,12-God's guaranteeing success hear
 - 1. Look!
- H. 13,14-Fear not, I will help you