

Fear Not

“Do not fear, for I am with you”
(Isaiah 43:5).

Lately, life just seems to harass everyone with fears. If you haven't reached that place yet, you might find yourself becoming weary because so much seems crashing against you. For me, it is the outside influences that create ways for my fears to rise within and harass me.

And let's face it, the media is crazy, off the charts creating all kinds of fears and everywhere we turn COVID19 is hounding us. These fears can come in all types of shapes and forms. They can render you motionless (faithless) for a time because you are so harassed from the bigness of the situation. It's hard to stand firm when everywhere you turn seems to saying, "You are gonna get this sickness or someone you love will!"

These fears have the ability overtake you and overpower you and it can happen quickly! Just one thought can change so much! These outside influences can cause one to doubt, feel frustrated, or feel overwhelmed. Unfortunately, we don't even realize at first that we've allowed the "fears within" to influence us and it's amazing how quickly the "fears within" can stop God's peace while allowing doubt to creep in.

It's critical you believe the right things about Jesus. Your purpose is never limited by circumstances only by the condition of your faith. This existence of truth is not dependent on how you feel, but what you believe. When you receive the truth it comes alive in you. The more you grab hold of truth, the more you find out what you can do through Him. And the more you find out what you can do through him, the more overcome anything and show others the way!

God places high value on authority because He is the one who created it. The structure of authority reflects the order of God's own nature. God is a Trinity: the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The Father sent the Son into the world as Savior and Redeemer. (See I John 4:9).

In Luke 10:19 we hear Jesus say, "Behold, I give you AUTHORITY to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Authority can only be given by someone who has the Authority to give it.

This means all the resources of heaven are available to you – you have full access to the Father because of the Son. Authority requires credentials. You have the credentials because you have received Him into your life. Faith in God can influence the world!

Matthew 16:19 – “And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

You’ve been given keys of authority. What do keys do? OPEN DOORS! Doors of health. Doors of hope. Doors of peace. Doors of goodness. You need to pray and speak God’s promises over your life and the lives of others. Not just one time, but regularly.

“Do not fear,” says God in the words of the prophet Isaiah, “for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame will not consume you... Do not fear, for I am with you” (Isaiah 43:1-5)

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