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Today's Sermon: Facing your Fears
Scripture: Deuteronomy 1

Fear has been described as a small trickle of doubt that flows through the mind until it wears such a channel that all your thoughts drain into it.
What are you afraid of?

The Big Idea: The opposite of fear is not faith; the opposite of fear is God's love.

HOW FEAR AFFECTS YOU

Fear Disregards God's Plan

So we departed from Horeb, and went through all the great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded Us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. An dl said to you, You have come to the mountain of the Amorites, which the Lord our God is giving us. Look the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the Lord God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 1: 19 – 21 (NKJV)

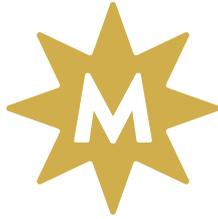
God's instructions were clear: here is My gift to you, now take it.
You will never receive God's promise if you let fear dominate your life.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline abilities that result in a calm, well – balanced mind and self- control.

2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)

Fear Distorts God's Purpose.

And you complained in your tents and said, Because the Lord hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us. Where can we go up? Our brethren



have discouraged our hearts, saying, the people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.

Deuteronomy 1: 27 -28 (NKJV)

Fear brings out the worst in us.

The greater the fear, the weaker our reasoning.

Fear Disbelieves God's Promise

Then I said to you, do not be terrified, or afraid of them. The Lord your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place. Yet, for all that you did not believe the Lord your God, who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and the cloud by day.

Deuteronomy 1: 29 – 33 (NKJV)

The point of the wilderness experience was for them to bond with their heavenly Father.

The giant of fear blocked what God had done in the past, what He was doing in the present and what He would do in the future.

Fear Disobeys God's Principle.

Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God;

Deuteronomy 1:26 (NKJV)

To dwell in fear and disobey God, is sin.

HOW TO FACE YOUR FEARS

Confront your Fear Honestly.

You can run from your fears but you can't hide.



Confess your Fear as Sin.

I sought the Lord and He heard me, and He delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:1 (NKJV)

To walk with God means we can walk fearlessly.

Claim God's Promise of Protection.

There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV)

Cultivate a Closer Relationship with God.

You may be in the minority but with God you are in the majority.

For they have wholly followed the Lord.

Numbers 32:12 (NKJV)

Do you see things from your perspective or God's?

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18 (NKJV)

The opposite of fear isn't trust or courage or faith.

The opposite of fear is love.

Commit your Life to Christ.

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. And release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2: 14 -15 (NKJV)

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