



BREAK THE BONDAGE OF FEAR

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Luke 4:18-19 "Jesus said, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for He has anointed Me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.'"

Three Factors to Break the Bondage of Fear

Matthew 14:22-33 Peter walks on water

1. BEHOLD.

Matthew 14:30 "But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink."

Isaiah 45:22 "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

Isaiah 62:11 "The Lord has sent this message to every land: 'Look, your Savior is coming. See, He brings His reward with Him as He comes.'"

Luke 24:36-39 "Jesus Himself was suddenly standing there among them. 'Why are you frightened?' He asked. 'Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at My hands. Look at My feet. You can see that it's really Me.'"

Revelation 3:20 "Jesus said, 'Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.'"

Bondage comes from being bonded to something. You become bonded to what you behold.

Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman."

Proverbs 4:25 "Keep your eyes focused on what is right, and look straight ahead to what is good."

2. BELIEVE.

Matthew 14:31 "'You have so little faith,' Jesus said. 'Why did you doubt Me?'"

Fear is not the opposite of faith. Fear is faith in the wrong things.

Don't ever let the presence of the storm cause you to doubt the presence of the Savior.

Isaiah 40:9-31 "Behold, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. Behold, He brings His reward with Him as He comes."

Are you afraid of the storm?

Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?

*Are you afraid of the future? God has it all in
His hands.*

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the Lord? Who knows enough to give Him advice or teach Him? Has the Lord ever needed anyone's advice? Does He need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach Him what is right or show Him the path of justice?

*Are you afraid of people? Are you fearful of what
man may do to you?*

To whom can you compare God? God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to Him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes His tent from them. He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing.

*Are you afraid of circumstances on the earth? Are you afraid of sickness, or war, or accidents? Are you
afraid of anything on earth?*

To whom will you compare Me? Who is My equal?" asks the Holy One. Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of His great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

Are you afraid you won't make it in life? Do you fear failure?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."

Mark 10:27 "All things are possible with God."
Mark 11:22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.

3. BECOME.

Matthew 14:9 "Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus."

Ecclesiastes 11:4 "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."

John 10:27 "Jesus said, 'My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.'"

You will never become what God wants you to become if you base your choices on FEAR. You will never fail to become what God wants you to become if you base your choices on FAITH.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 "For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can behold and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image."

2 Timothy 1:7 "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

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