

LIVING IN THE  
PRESENCE OF  
FEAR



# We Are Surrounded By Fear





**Mark 4:35-41**

**“Fear Not”**

# **I. Fear Of Uncertainty**

## **A. Leads To Worry**

### **Philippians 4:6**

**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

### **Matthew 6:34**

**Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**

# **I. Fear Of Uncertainty**

## **B. The Christian's Future In Certain**

### **Titus 3:7**

**That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

### **Hebrews 6:18**

**That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:**

# **I. Fear Of Uncertainty**

**C. We have to work at overcoming this fear**

**Hebrews 6:11**

**And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:**

**Romans 12:12**

**Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;**

**Romans 15:13**

**Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**

## **II. Fear Of Not Being Ready**

### **A. Happens when we are not prudent**

**Luke 14:28-32**

**28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**

**29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,**

**30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.**

## **II. Fear Of Not Being Ready**

### **A. Happens when we are not prudent**

**Luke 14:28-32 - continued**

**31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?**

**32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace**

## **II. Fear Of Not Being Ready**

### **B. Faith is tried in times of lack**

#### **1 Kings 17:10-16**

**10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.**

**11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.**

## **II. Fear Of Not Being Ready**

### **B. Faith is tried in times of lack**

#### **1 Kings 17:10-16 - continued**

**12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.**

**13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.**

## **II. Fear Of Not Being Ready**

### **B. Faith is tried in times of lack**

#### **1 Kings 17:10-16 - continued**

**14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.**

**15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.**

**16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.**

## **II. Fear Of Not Being Ready**

**C. God will not forsake the faithful**

**Psalm 37:25**

**I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen  
the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**

# **III. Fear Of Negative Consequence**

## **A. Should cause one to do right**

### **Hebrews 10:26-31**

**26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,**

**27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.**

**28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:**

# **III. Fear Of Negative Consequence**

## **A. Should cause one to do right**

**Hebrews 10:26-31 - continued**

**29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?**

**30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.**

**31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

# **III. Fear Of Negative Consequence**

## **B. But after the fact**

**2 Samuel 24:11-14**

**11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,**

**12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.**

# **III. Fear Of Negative Consequence**

## **B. But after the fact**

**2 Samuel 24:11-14 - continued**

**13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.**

**14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.**

## **IV. How To Overcome Our Fears**

### **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:  
Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this  
is the whole duty of man.**

## **IV. How To Overcome Our Fears**

**1 John 4:15-19**

**15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

**16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

**17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.**

**18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**

**19 We love him, because he first loved us.**

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