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Fear Nots in Isaiah
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Praise the Lord. I said, "Praise the Lord." Our brother spoke about David. I need to tell you something about David. Do you know sometimes you read so much of the Bible and you miss the real thing you need to get? When David was running about, running away from Saul, there were people that were distressed and depressed. There were 600 of them. Those 600 people followed after David. Do you know what David did? He took those 600, and then he made champions out of them.

You must have wondered why David picked five stones from the brook, and there was only one Goliath. He used only one stone. How many remaining? I think another time I'll check up with you and we'll search through the Bible. There were four other brothers of Goliath. That's why he took those five. He took on just Goliath. He didn't use the other four stones.

Do you know why? He developed other giants. As you read in 2 Samuel, those other giants and champions...now they killed and destroyed the other giants. So I'm not here to just be like a singular, lone ranger, like a champion. I want to make champions out of you because it's when David raised up all those other champions...that's when actually his ministry really blossomed.

There was a time he wanted to go to the battlefield. They said, "You know, you've done enough. You can sit back. We'll go ahead and finish the rest of the work." A time is coming...look at my head now...almost all white. I'll sit back and I'll say, "You go ahead and do the rest." Are you getting ready? Praise the Lord.

How much time do you have tonight? You know, when I come over here, I always see people...they're much in a hurry. Then, when I'm still with my introduction they're saying, "Introduction...go to points one, two, and three." We're going to relax. We're not in a hurry. I'm not in a hurry. You know, developing a giant or a champion takes time. If you're going to become a champion, it's not going to be in a hurry. There is no instantly-made champion.

The brother says he takes me as his mentor. It takes time for the mentor to kind of develop other people. So if you're really there...you want to be mentored and you want to become a champion, a giant-killer, you're going to be patient. It's going to take time. We're going to take all the time it takes. It will be done. I said, "It will done."

Now tonight...do you know sometimes when people come like this in this kind of meeting...you're talking about *Fear Not*? There is a way different preachers preach. When an apostle comes and he takes the topic *Fear Not*, he's going to have an approach. When a prophet comes, like Isaiah, and he talks about *Fear Not*, he takes another approach. Now, an evangelist

comes and the evangelist is saying, "Fear Not," you are surprised he takes another approach in preaching.

Here comes a pastor. The pastor is speaking a subject and he says, "Fear not." Because of his ministry as a pastor, he's going to approach it another way. Here comes a teacher. The teacher is talking on the same topic, *Fear Not*. He'll be very much different from the rest of them all. Then when somebody like Paul the Apostle, an apostle, a prophet, an evangelist, a pastor, and a teacher...he comes and he combines all that. Then in that five-fold ministry, he comes and he wants to talk about *Fear Not*. It's totally different.

So, you are not going to see what you think you'll see because there are people that will come and say, "Fear not," and - just a momentary result - you're pumped up, you're excited. Then, just that night, "Fear not," and you can take on just anything. But after that excitement, the following day you are back to square one again. That's not going to happen here. That's why we're going to take time. I'm going to talk to you and I'm going to teach you. I'm going to kind of take you step after step after step.

After we're through, you will fear not. Why don't you close your eyes and pray and talk to the Lord yourself. Say, "Lord, tonight, I want You to speak to my heart and do something in me and write the Word on the tables of my heart," so that when we're through, you'll understand what it means to fear not and the Word of God will so take effect in your life. Fear not.

The Lord will so transform you, so empower you, that you'll not just be looking up to one man like a champion, who is the only one able to do, able to perform, able to pray, able to get results. But you, too, will rise up and stand firmly on both feet and be able to look any enemy right in the face, eyeball to eyeball, without any fear or doubt in your own heart. You'll be able to operate in the same spirit, with the same attitude, with the same confidence and trust. You'll be able to stand before the enemy. Fear not. In Jesus' name we pray.

Heavenly Father, we do thank You so much tonight. Thank You for what's ahead of us. Thank You, Lord, because as we look at Your Word and we understand what fear is all about, the origin of fear, and the way fear spreads to capture the whole man, body, soul, and spirit, brain and mind... Lord we pray that You'll so explain and analyze everything for us that fear will get out of our system in Jesus' name...that You'll cleanse us, You'll purge us, You'll purify us, You'll energize and empower us, that Lord, we'll be able to stand and face any challenge and any situation. There will be no fear in any heart. Lord, we pray that tonight, all the things we have feared, they will crumble to the ground in Jesus' name. Those who have the fear of men or the fear of women, or the fear of unbelievers, or the fear of so-called believers, or the fear of some figures, Lord I pray, all that fear You'll demolish and destroy tonight in Jesus' name.

Fear in the night and fear in the day...fear of the dream and fear of the light day. Lord, I pray everything will get out of our lives tonight in Jesus' name. Lord, every form of fear and intimidation we cancel. Put them under our feet, that Lord, neither demon nor devil will be able to terrify us anymore in Jesus' name. Do your work in every heart tonight. Be glorified, Oh Lord, and let Your church be edified tonight. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. And everybody said, "Amen."

Thank you very much. We're looking at Isaiah. As you look at the topic tonight, we're looking at *Fear Not in Isaiah*... Fear Not in Isaiah. In Isaiah chapter 7, I'm reading from verse 4. **"And say unto him, 'Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted.'"** Here, the Lord sent His prophet, His servant, to this man that had a challenge. He said, **"Say unto him..."** Declare unto him. Make it plain and clear unto him. **"Take heed."** That is, watch your heart, what goes on in your heart, what goes on in your mind. Then tell him, "Fear not, be not fainthearted."

Then he goes on to say the reason why he told him *fear not*. Look at verse 14. **"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name..."** What's the name? **"...Immanuel."** ...God with us. Because *Immanuel* is *God with us*, and because "Greater is He that is with us than he that is in the world, and Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world." That's why He's saying, "Fear not." There is nothing to fear, knowing who is for us, who is within us, who is around us, who is behind us, and who is before us. Fear not.

He tells us in Isaiah, chapter 54...we're looking at verse 4. **"Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed."** What makes people afraid? They think, *I'm going to be embarrassed before the people. I'm going to be disgraced before my peers. I'm going to feel this reproach before my countrymen.* Because of that, they are afraid of what has not come, because they think it may come. But the Lord is saying, "There is nothing to fear because that reproach will not come, and that shame will not come, and that calamity will not come." Because of that, He says, "Fear not because you will not see the shame. You will not be ashamed."

"...neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more." Look at verse 17. **"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper."** Isn't that what people are afraid of every time? They are afraid of witches, of wizards, of weapons of darkness. They're afraid of the sea, of the ocean, of the forest, of what goes on in the village. They're afraid of what the enemies are planning against them, the plot, and all those things that those enemies are saying will get him down. But they cannot do it because it says, "No weapon that is fashioned against you, formed against you can prosper."

Then it says, **"...every tongue..."** Every what? Tell me out loud. The strong and the weak, the magical and the idolatrous...every tongue, whatever they are and wherever they are coming from, however sharp that tongue may be, and however demonic or devilish that tongue may be, it says, **"...every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."** Then it says, **"This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD."** So you see why the Lord is telling us...He says, "Fear not." He is for us. He's by us. He's supporting us. He's supplying all our needs. Because of that He says, "There is nothing to fear." From tonight, you will not be afraid in Jesus' name.

I want to find out, number one, what's *The Definition and Description of Fear*. Because if you don't know what fear is all about, you might have it and not know that you have it. When it's trying to knock at the door and it's trying to come in, you will not know that that is fear coming in because it may disguise itself, and you will not know. Here you're saying, "I will not fear. I

will not fear." And fear is knocking at the door and you're opening the door and it's entering in. You're still saying, "I will not fear." What then is the definition of fear, the description of fear?

Number two, we're looking at *Divine Declaration to the Fearful*. If you're fearful, you're timid...it looks like your knees are shaking every time, and your mind is oppressed every time, you're under fear and intimidation every time. What's the declaration of God for you or to you? *The Divine Declaration to the Fearful*. Number three is *Deliverance and Dominion over Fear*. We're going to overcome. ...Deliverance from fear and dominion over fear.

Now point number one is very important. Everything is important, but number one is so important:

1. *The Definition and the Description of Fear*. What is fear? You're going to do a lot of writing. Do you have your biros? Pens up! I want to see. Pens down! Do you remember? What's fear? Now you spell that fear *F-E-A-R*. What's fear? *False Experience Appearing Real*. It's not real. It's not real. It appears real. Because of that, many people are afraid. They are afraid of shadows. They are afraid of a mirage. They are afraid of something...a fantasy...something that is not really there.

I want you to look at 2 Kings, chapter 3. I'm reading from verse 22. "***And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood.***" They were on the battlefield, and there was a river nearby. They were preparing. They were ready to take on the enemy. All of a sudden in the morning...you know how the sun is in the morning. It's not as bright. It's not as white. It's like almost yellow and red together, purple together. When they saw the sun shining on the river, look at what they said. It looked like blood. In verse 23: "***And they said, This is...***" What? Was that blood? No, it was water. That's just *false experience appearing real*: that made them afraid.

Remember, they were on the battlefield. Remember, as they were on the battlefield, wanting to engage the other part of the army...then they saw a pool of what they thought was blood. They said, "All the people are dead. Something has happened. Something mysterious has happened to them, and all of them are dead." The decision they took...they took that decision on the basis of what they saw. They thought it was blood.

How many times you have acted like that? You thought you saw something real. It's just something that was kind of a mirage, a kind of shadow in your heart. Then your interpretation said, "It was a demon." Your interpretation said, "This is Satan." Your interpretation said, "They have come again. Those are the enemies. They are going to take me on." When there was nothing to fear, you were afraid.

Sometimes it's not even prayer and it's not fasting. It's just to think about it and look at it very carefully and look at it again. Let somebody get near this water, and pick up, and draw some water out of that. You are going to see it is not blood at all. But without looking at anything or examining anything, they said, "This is blood." The decision that followed after that was that they just felt, "...there is no fighting anymore; all the people are dead". They walked into the

enemy territory without their weapons on. They were all dead before the following day. ...False experience appearing real.

We're looking at 2 Kings, chapter 7. Here we find the people of Syria, the army...they were fighting against the children of Israel. As they were fighting against the children of Israel, look at what happened. In verse 6: *"For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, 'Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.' Wherefore they arose and..."* Did what? *"...fled."*

If you read the whole story, this is the time when Elisha said, "By this time tomorrow we'll sell the wheat [and all the things they're going to eat]... We'll sell it at the gate for a cheap price." The man leaning on the right hand side of the king said, "That cannot be, even if the Lord will open the windows of heaven."

Then Elisha said, "You'll see it with your eyes, but you'll not eat out of it." The following morning, this king with his army...they heard a blast. It's like a bombshell. They said, "The king of Israel." The king of Israel, by the way, is at home, is in his palace, fearful, afraid, because when the lepers went in there and they saw the food and they gathered, and they said, "We're not doing well. Let's go to the king and give him information." When they informed the king, the king himself was afraid. He said, "I know what those people have done. They want to deceive us. They are somewhere. When we go out...because they know we're hungry...they're going to pounce on us and kill us."

Now he was afraid. They were afraid because they heard something, and what they heard was not real. They said, "We are very sure." You are the one that makes the conclusion yourself. Then you begin to paint the picture: "I'm gone. I'm through. I'm dead. They have come to take me." And there's nobody running after you, and we're just fearing because it's *false experience appearing real*.

2. *Faceless Enemies Afflicting Reason*. Faceless enemies...that's fear. Faceless enemies afflicting reason. That is, your reasoning faculty is afflicted because of faceless enemies...enemies that you don't see, enemies that are not there. How many times we are praying and we say, "God, destroy those enemies"? Where are they? "Lord, get rid of them." Then we fast and pray and cast out and cast off and whatever. Those enemies we're fighting...they are faceless enemies, but they afflict our reasoning. We're not able to reason well because we think the enemy is there, the enemy is there.

Look at Psalm 53, verse 5. There are things you don't even have to fight at all because they're not even there. It says, *"There were they in..."* What kind of fear? *"...great fear."* Tell me the rest. *"...where no fear was."* They were in great fear where no fear was. That's why as we talk about *fear not*, we don't just want to come and start casting out and casting off and stamping and jumping on it, trampling on this and trampling on that. Maybe we're trampling on something that is not even there.

Maybe we're trying to cast out something that is not even there. All we need to do is evaluate and examine and see... *What are we afraid about? What is it we are really praying about?* Here it says they were in great fear...great, great fear. Yet it says, "*...where no fear was.*" What is fear, then? Number two, faceless enemies. We don't even know them. They don't show up, but they're faceless enemies afflicting our reasoning faculty.

3. *Frequently Expected Adversity Realized.* Frequently expected adversity realized. That's fear. Look at Job chapter 3. In Job, chapter 3...you've been wondering, *How could that happen to Job?* He attracted it by the fear that he had. Let's look at Job, chapter 3, verse 25. It says, "*For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me.*" Then he said, "*And that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*" Then he said in verse 26: "*I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.*"

He said... he was rich, but he was not in safety. He had all these children and a good wife, and he was not in security or safety. He said he had been afraid every time. What does that mean? Every time he woke up, he said, "I wonder whether these children will still remain alive by the time I get home. They need to be taken care of by me." Because of that fear and that fear and that fear...the fear.

Actually fear is a form of faith in the negative. As your faith attracts the fulfillment of the promises of God, so fear will attract all the curses and all the things you're afraid about. That's why Job himself said... This is chapter 3; something had happened in chapter 1; something happened in chapter 2. As he sat back, he said, "Now I understand. This is not new. This is what I've been fearing all the time." Job, why were you fearing that all the time?

I think Satan had more information about Job than Job himself had. Do you know what Satan said? "God, You have made a hedge around him. I cannot even penetrate. I cannot destroy what he has. About his house, about his children, about his family... You have made a hedge around them." And Job never knew that. He feared unnecessarily. Now when everything came, he now said, "*For the thing which I greatly feared [greatly, greatly feared] is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*" What's fear, then? Frequently expected adversity now realized.

4. *Fantasized Exaggeration Above Reality.* That's fear. There is a little idea, there is a little thought that comes to you. Then you start expanding it and building on it and it's growing up. And it's all fantasy. You fantasize that exaggeration above reality. Let's look at Numbers, chapter 13. This is what people fear. You think about what Pentecostal churches are doing today and the deliverance ministers...what they are doing.

Many times we're just wasting precious time fighting enemies that are not there. Many times we are just praying and saying...instead of sitting the person down and saying, "Now what are you afraid about?" Let the fellow talk, and let the fellow explain to you what it is he is afraid about (or she's afraid about). Then after that explanation, you will know whether what he needs is not prayer but some explanation and teaching from the Word of God so that we'll know that this kind of fear (*F-E-A-R*) may just be *fantasized exaggeration above reality.*

I want you to look at Numbers, chapter 13. ...This kind of exaggeration above reality. We're looking at chapter 13 of Numbers, verse 33. *"And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as..."* What? I think that's exaggeration. You've seen grasshoppers before. A grasshopper is not up to my fist...very small...maybe like these two fingers. Then you see a whole man like a giant. It says, "We," the Israelites...how can you say that?

We know that they have been slaves in Egypt. We know that when somebody is doing manual work, his muscles are developed. We know that these people didn't have any chariots. They were walking from Egypt, and they were walking to the land of promise. These were strong people. These were people that had been developed physically. Yet, they are now telling us that in comparison, they are grasshoppers to those giants. That's what they looked like in their sight.

Then it said in the latter part of verse 33: *"...and so we were in their sight."* Hey, how do you know that you are grasshoppers in their sight? I thought you were spies. They were spies that went into the land as spies. They didn't go to discuss with the people. They didn't listen to the people. They didn't know what the people were thinking about them. They said, "In their sight, we were like this."

My friend, that's exaggeration. It's like, "I cannot go to my place of work today. There is a lion in the way, and the lion will kill me." That's exaggeration. "My boss is such a tyrant, he's going to fire everybody." That's exaggeration. If he fires everybody, who is going to get the work done? "The recession...we don't have anything to..." That's exaggeration. How are people moving on the street if they have nothing to eat? We exaggerate too much. Then we are trying to fight this kind of fear which is just fantasized exaggeration above reality.

Look at verse 14. *"And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried."* Hey, why are you crying? "Because of what they said." How do you know what they said is right? They didn't bring back any picture. There was no mobile phone and there was no camera to bring back pictures and actually compare. How do you act on the information somebody has given you and then you begin to cry?

Do you know what people do to us...the things they tell us? And they said, "We are like grasshoppers". If these great men, representatives of each of the tribes...if they went to the land and then they looked like grasshoppers, and all the people, the giants...they also looked at them as grasshoppers...why didn't they kill them before they came back? Why were they still alive?

By the way, they even cut the pomegranate and the fruit, and they carried it on their shoulders. How did they give you a chance to cut all that down? Don't you reason? Then the people began to cry. Now it said, "and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel..." How many of them? I said, "How many of them?" Do you see how wrong information can just set us on edge, make us afraid unnecessarily, and then make us follow another direction and just destroy our lives and destroy our destiny? Then he says all those children, "They...*murmured against Moses and against Aaron.*" What's Moses' fault and what's Aaron's fault?

Do you see how we fight the wrong people because we are afraid? Then we criticize the wrong people because we are afraid. Then it says now: ***"Would God that we had..."*** What? Again? But we don't need to die...even if you are afraid. All you should have said..."Would God we stay in this place where we are and we don't go to the place." After all, the tribes of Reuben and Manasseh and Gad...they stayed on this other side. So, if you are afraid, you don't need to die. You can stay where you are and not go to where the giants are. Do you see when people are afraid, they lose their reasoning faculty? They lose what we call common sense. Common sense becomes uncommon. They cannot reason that this is what to do.

That's the reason why when any fear strikes your heart, you know what to do? You stop and you reason through. You put everything down. Then you say, "What am I afraid about?" "One, there are giants in the land. Two, we look like grasshoppers." Alright. If that's the problem we have, no fear. There's nothing to fear. Have we gone through this kind of experience before? With the people of Egypt, were we masters? Were we their equal? No. Those Egyptians, too...they were like giants. How about Pharaoh? How about their chariots? Then - the thousands of chariots that came when we were at the Red Sea, what happened to them? They perished and we're still alive. Well, those giants...God will know how to deal with them.

If you will reason through what you've gone through already up to this stage... Are you like up to 20 years of age now? You've seen trouble in this lifetime since you were born. Are you now 30 years of age? You've seen some challenges since you were born. If you see a challenge now, instead of fearing the giants ahead of you, just sit down and say, "Well, what giants am I fearing? One, I've not even seen them. How am I sure that these spies that are telling us this... how am I sure they're right? How am I sure they're not exaggerating? Even if they're not exaggerating, I'll write it down".

Then I say, "Have I gone through something like this before? Was there somebody that said, 'No, they will not go away. I will not release them'? Was there somebody that said, 'No, they're going to die here'? Was there somebody that even tried to drown the children of Israel in the Red Sea or in the Nile?" Yes there was. "Did we have the victory?" We had the victory. Well, the God of yesterday is the God today and the God of tomorrow. If He did it before, He'll do it again. Then there will be no fear. We don't have to sweat and pray and cry and weep and all that. Just reason through and you will be delivered in Jesus' name.

Then it says, ***"...would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into..."*** What? You know, sometimes you are running away from the unknown. Then you run into a real known furnace of fire. You've forgotten what you saw in Egypt? You've forgotten what you went through in Egypt? And, because of fear and because of something that is not real, they were ready now to go back to Pharaoh to say, "Pharaoh, we are back again. We are sorry we left."

When you say sorry to Pharaoh and you say sorry to those Egyptians... "Uh huh. Now you know you are wrong for being converted? You know you are wrong for running away and forsaking idols? And now you are saying you are sorry. If you are really sorry, you have to make a

covenant you will never go again.” How will the promise made unto Abraham be fulfilled? ...just because of this kind of fantasy - fantasized exaggeration above reality.

What's fear?

5. *Faithless Expression Acknowledged Repeatedly*...faithless expression acknowledged repeatedly. When you have an expression of unbelief and you acknowledge that repeatedly. You say that, and say that, and say that, all over again. It becomes like a pathway in your system. How can I explain to you? I think some of us here are scientifically inclined? Are you? ...Some of us? I said, "Are some of us scientifically inclined?" Okay. Sometimes as we think about our brains...we have all these atoms and molecules and neurons. Then you have in the connection...you know, in our brain there is connection between one cell and the other.

Whenever you have a thought in your mind, it's like passing through a kind of path. It's like a little string from one connection to the other. When you think about it once, you think about it again, you think about it again, it becomes very strong. And when any other thing that looks like what you thought about comes up again, it will just go through that same route, and then it sparks the fear and the pain in your heart again.

That's the reason why, if you're going to break that cycle of fear, you kind of snap that thing. You wake up yourself and say, "No, what am I thinking about? Why am I thinking like that? What have I seen that is making me afraid?" You cut that kind of path that leads to that painful thing. But when you repeat it every time, everything that thing sparks up...then you are afraid. You're afraid of this, afraid of that. Fear will just be your master. But tonight, we're going to break it. Look at this number five. What's number five? Faithless expression...you give expression to it, acknowledged repeatedly.

Look at Exodus, chapter 14. I'm reading from verse 10. This is what they always said whenever they had any challenge. It's like they were used to that kind of expression of unbelief - repeatedly, repeatedly acknowledging that...repeatedly. It says, "*And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel...*" Did what? "*...cried out unto the LORD.*"

Verse 11: "*And they...*" Wait, wait. They cried unto God, and without waiting for an answer for their prayer...because they cried unto God...they just turned around and spoke unto Moses. Think about that.

If you are going to worry - you are going to complain, you are going to accuse Moses, you are going to do what you normally do against Moses and begin to criticize and begin to chew them, chew the leaders in the church - why do you pray at all? I'm surprised about these people. It's the same thing they always did. It says they cried unto the Lord, and the very next verse, the very next breath: "*They said unto Moses, 'Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?''*"

Well, you know the story. But my question is: Friends, why did you pray to God? Why did you cry unto God? If you are going to kind of say all this stuff and throw all this out and still say this thing to Moses, to Aaron, and then you're still going to repeat the same thing ("Why did you bring us out..."), why did you pray at all? Sometimes we are afraid that..."My husband, this is the way he is acting and this is what he's doing..." Then we come to church. Then we pray, and we say, "The Lord is going to give you the victory...this and that." Then after the prayer, we get back home and then the same thing we used to do with that husband that brought the trouble originally...after the prayer, we just continue to say exactly the same thing.

How is the man going to change who doesn't come to church when the woman, the wife, coming to church and coming to convention does not change? The attitude does not change. The expression does not change. The way you always comport yourself and the way you always react whenever anything happens...that's the way you always do - before the convention and after the convention. If we, hearing all these messages, if we cannot change, how will the man that is not hearing the message...how will he change?

The change will begin with us. When the temptation comes to start talking like we used to talk, and acting the way you used to act, and complaining the way we used to complain, we'll say, "No, I'm a changed man. I'm a changed woman. That will not come out of my mouth again. I'm not going to have that repeated acknowledgement again because things are different now." I said, "Things are different now." Faithless expression acknowledged repeatedly.

Now I'm looking at number six. What is fear?

6. *Fierce Emotions Arousing Restlessness*. Fierce emotions. You know, when you think about fear, it's just an emotion. It's not actually what is happening. It's your own emotion. The same thing can be happening to different people: other people are calm; other people are resting. Other people are just looking on, and they're saying, "Well, the Lord knows how to take care of this." And, other people...they become restless.

What's the difference? It's your emotion, your emotion. If you will take care of that... You know sometimes how you take care of that...let's say, for example, an emotion is rising up within your heart. It's like this is happening, and this is happening - all of the sudden...because this is like your regular stuff, your regular thing, and what you always do, the way you always react.

Do you know what can change that? You make a move. Either you turn, either you stand up, or then you distract yourself or you just take up the Scriptures and read aloud...just anywhere. Just to interrupt the thought that is coming to your mind because it's the thought that is bringing that emotion. The way we say it is that *Motion alters emotion*. Do you understand? That is, you stand up or you walk briskly or you run or you jog or you do something very different. Change the position of your body. It is said, and I've told you, *Motion changes or alters emotion*.

Now let's look at Mark, chapter 4. I'm reading from verse 35. You'll see here the fierce emotions arousing restlessness. **"And the same day, when the even was come, He saith unto them, 'Let us pass over unto the other side.'"** That's enough. **"Let us pass over unto the other side."** Brothers and sisters, can you look up for a moment? If we think a little, just think a little, not

pray too much, not fast too much...yes we can pray...pray. We can fast. You ought to fast, but not too much. What did I say? Not too much...but you reason.

Now, Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." We have not won those converts yet. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth may pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." Whatever happens between now and the time He makes us fishers of men, those things cannot kill us.

Those apostles should have thought like that. They should have thought, *He said, "Follow Me. I will make you fishers of men," and we're not there yet.* Then He said, "Let us pass over to the other side." Let's pass over to the other side. Whatever happens between point A and point B...because He said so. He's not even gone to heaven. He's right there in the boat. Whatever happens, we know we are getting to the other side.

If we just reason a little, all this fear that we have, everything will vanish away. I said, "It will vanish away." That's the reason why we need to just relax and look at the Word of God. What did He say? What has He told us? Because this is what He told us, and we know that even if heaven and earth will have to pass away, the words of Christ will not pass away.

Look at verse 35 again. *"And the same day, when the even was come, He saith unto them, 'Let us pass over unto the other side.'"* Well, I'm going to look at that verse again. *"Let us pass over..."* That is different from "pass over". That is, "let us"...was He with them? I said, "Was He with them?" Hey, do you remember what the Bible says...how Christ will die? In Genesis, chapter 3, verse 15: *"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel..."* That's crucifixion.

Do you remember Psalm 22: "They pierced My hand and they pierced My feet." The only way Jesus could die is by crucifixion. And He said, "Let us pass over to the other side." He's in the boat; this boat cannot sink because He cannot die by drowning. He's with us here. Because He's with us, we know there is no way the storm or the wind or the waves will sink the boat.

But you know, if we don't reason and think, we'll be afraid unnecessarily. Do you understand why Jesus slept in that boat? Because He knew what had been written concerning Him. He said, "What has been written concerning me will be fulfilled." And because of that He could rest.

Now let's go in verse 36. *"And when they had sent away the multitude, they took Him even as He was in the ship. And there were also with Him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And He was in the hinder part of the ship..."* What? Praise the Lord.

If you sleep when you ought to sleep and you don't allow anything to disturb your sleep, you will be free from high blood pressure, hypertension. You know, it's thinking too much, then we have this heat in the head.... Then, when you are not sleeping enough, you have fatigue. With sleeplessness you are going to also have forgetfulness, your mind is not working well. Then you don't remember the right stuff and the right thing at the right time. Then you become absent-minded. You say, "They're after me." No, they're not after you. They're not after you.

Number one, you worried yourself to sleeplessness. Then the sleeplessness caused this. Then, when you're not sleeping at night, thoughts will be coming because the mind (once you are awake) is always at work. It's always generating, generating ideas and thoughts. They're always negatives thoughts. Those thoughts will compound the problem. But if you just sleep...you don't need pills to sleep. All you need to do is to understand we cannot drown here.

Jesus said, "Let us pass over to the other side." We're getting over to the other side. Everything He has ordained concerning you...everything is going to be fulfilled. There is no enemy and there is no storm and there is no mountain that can change that. If you know that, you will sleep when you ought to sleep, you'll work when you ought to work, and you'll do what you need to do at the time you ought to do it. There will be no fear at all. I said, "There will be no fear at all."

Do you know sometimes when we say, "I've decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back. I've decided to be like Jesus, no turning back, no turning back"? To be like Jesus means not to worry. To be like Jesus means to sleep when you ought to sleep. To be just like Jesus means not to keep awake unnecessarily because of storm or because of trouble and to live your life peacefully. He's the Prince of Peace. Tonight that will begin in Jesus' name.

Then they came, *"...and He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him..."* Do you see that the people who are worried, almost worried to death...they disturb people who are peaceful? They disturb people who are sleeping. That's the ministry of the pastor. Sometimes they say, "Pastor, don't you care?" We care, but we have taught you. We need to sleep also. If Jesus slept, pastors should sleep. Praise the Lord.

Then your phone is ringing at 2:00 am. Then you are wondering, *Who is that?* Then you pick up the phone. You look at it. You say, "It's this sister again." Then you put it down and you say, "I'm not going to allow this." Then you shut it off, and then you go to sleep. Then after 10 minutes the phone rings again. Then you pick it up and say, "I'm not going to answer." After 15 minutes, the phone rings again. You say, "If I don't answer this sister, I'm not going to sleep tonight."

Then you pick up the phone, "Hey sister. How are you?" "Pastor, things are bad. I'm almost dying now. In fact, I need somebody to take me to the hospital. I must get to the hospital right now. Pastor, please come, please come." Then you get there. When you get there..."What's the problem?" "I just had a dream and they were chasing me." And that's why you disturb our sleep? Praise the Lord. But you know all those things we can take care of, and just open the Scriptures: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Then He makes a way before me. Then He sets His table." Then if you just read that...*"though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."* And it says, "Even in the midst of those things, I will not fear. And surely, surely, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me." How long? Why do we fear so much? And we read that every time?

So, they woke Him up. Look at verse 38. *"'Master, carest thou not that we perish?' And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, 'Peace, be still.' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And He said unto them, 'Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have*

no faith?'" Look at what followed. Tell me. Verse 41. Is that the proper action? ***"They feared exceedingly."*** I thought it would be, "And they loved Him exceedingly." I thought it would be, "And they honored Him exceedingly."

But even when the miracles happen, now their fear increased. It was great fear before, now it was exceeding fear. They feared Him exceedingly. Now can you think of people fearing Jesus? They stop fearing the wind? When this thing becomes a chronic thing in our lives, you'll find something to fear. Even the people we ought not to fear you will fear them, because it has become something chronic. I pray God will deliver us. What is fear, then? Fierce emotions arousing restlessness.

7. *Failure Expected and Rehearsed.* It's like, "I can never make it. I can never do well." And you say that to yourself every time. And you rehearse that every time. It brings fear, when you repeat those fearful things, terrible things, to yourself every time. Failure expected and rehearsed.

We're looking at Isaiah, chapter 51. We're pointing all these things out so that when these things show up and they appear, you'll say, "I recognize the definition, description of fear. I will not fear. That will not come." You shut the door immediately.

Isaiah, chapter 51, verse 13. It says, ***"And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if He were ready to destroy?"*** That tells us there is nothing to fear. You know all those people? ...Because it says, "As if it were ready to destroy." I pray that as we get all these definitions and everything settled, all these fears will get out of our lives in Jesus' name.

We've settled the definition and descriptions of fear. We go to point number two: *The Divine Declaration to the Fearful.* Divine Declaration to the Fearful. We're looking at Isaiah, chapter 35. We're looking at verse 4. Divine Declaration to the Fearful. It says, ***"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, fear not.'" "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, fear not.'"*** How do we become strong? The Word of God is the bread of life. That makes us strong. The Word of God is the water of life that we drink. It makes us strong.

The Word of God is like a hammer breaking rocks in pieces. The Word of God is like fire. When you have that Word of God stored in your heart every time, it will give you courage. Then you think about the people that lived in Bible days and Bible times and what they went through. And say, "I am not going through one percent of what those people went through." If you compare your problem with their problems, you will not be afraid.

Have you ever tried to do something? Let's say you have a little headache or you have a little problem around your stomach. Then there are suggestions coming to you, and it is making you afraid. Instead of just getting worried and anxious, you say, "When is the visiting hour in the hospital?" Then you go to the hospital. When you get to the hospital, and just visit the people and greet them, then you will see cases that are much, much worse than the one you are trying to complain about. And you see some of those people still able to smile and able to say, "Thank you for coming. I appreciate that you've come to visit me." You'll come out of that hospital, and

you'll say, "If those people can be cheerful in their condition, as terrible as their conditions are, I think I can be cheerful because what is happening to me is nothing."

Do you understand? We read in the papers and we see the things that happen. We see what happens to other people. Either a storm comes and devastates a whole region, a whole community, or it may be that people have gone to the war zone and about three children of the same parents have been to war and they're all dead and gone...and their parents are still alive. Their parents are still breathing. Their parents are still living their lives. They're not killing themselves because of that.

Sometimes one of the children has gone to school. Because of an erratic, eccentric child that carried a gun or knife, one of the children was already dead. Then they just brought information to the parents at home that this is gone. Eventually, those parents...they sum up courage. They say, "Well, we don't know why that happened, but we're going to live our lives."

Some of them are unbelievers. They do not know the Lord. They sum up courage and they still live, even with those calamities. When you think about what happens to other people and what a fraction, one tenth or one hundredth of it, has not happened you, then you'll say, "Well, there is nothing to complain about." When you think about it...*I have God on my side. I have the Word of God on my side. I have the Holy Spirit within me. If that is the case, then I can live and I can rejoice in the Lord.* That's why it says, "Be strong and fear not." We will not fear. I said, "We will not fear."

In verse 4 it says, "***Behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you.***" If the people that do not have that promise, if they can still live a kind of confident life, how about those of us that have the promise of God, that God will come, He will save us? He will definitely come. He said we should be strong, take courage, and not be afraid.

We're looking at Isaiah chapter 8. I'm reading from verse 11. "***For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, 'Say ye not, 'A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, 'A confederacy;' neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.'***" If the people of the world that do not have God...if they're afraid and they have a kind of fear...it says, "Don't fear like them." You have a God who is your Father. You have Jesus who is your redeemer. And you have the Holy Spirit who lives within you and abides within you. You have the promises of God. Those promises of God are still *Yes* and *Amen*. Do not forget that...that you are not alone, "I will be with you until the end of the world."

In Isaiah chapter 41, I'm reading from verse 10. It says, "***Fear thou not; for I am with thee.***" "***Fear thou not; for I am with thee.***" If the Lord is with you, is there anything to fear? As I read about Joseph...Joseph was the young man that had...what did he have? Tell me out loud? I said, "What did Joseph have?" He had a dream. As he saw that dream...now I want you to think. Now, we can go back to the Scriptures, and we can think, we can reason. He told his brothers the dream. Because of that they hated him. Is that hatred strong enough to cancel the dream? Not

when God has given the dream. That's why we don't worry about the hatred and about whatever they might plot.

Now here he was coming. "Here comes the dreamer. Let us kill him." Wait... "Let's kill him." Will they be able to kill him? If they killed him, how would the Word of God be fulfilled? Would they be stronger God? They cannot be stronger than God. Eventually they said, "Okay. Don't kill him." They will change their mind. I said, "They will change their mind." Then eventually they put him in the pit. The Ishmaelites were coming. They said, "Hey. We know what we're going to do. There is no point in killing this young man. We're going to sell him to the Ishmaelites." They sold him to the Ishmaelites, and the Ishmaelites took him where? They took him to the place where the dream would be fulfilled.

He didn't have to pay the fare to go there. He had free transportation to go there. God knows what He's doing. If you understand what actually happened.... There was nothing wrong with what happened. Yes, those people had the intention. They knew what they wanted to do, but it was just free transportation. Then eventually he was in Potiphar's house. The Bible says, "And God was with him," because he himself...he was with God. He said, "There is nothing to fear. I'm going on a journey, and this happens to be a milestone." If you understand that everything that happens to you in life is just a milestone...then you go to the next milestone.

But you say, "Potiphar's wife told a lie against him, and they put him in the prison." Hey, what are you thinking about that? You know what they should have done? He was just a slave. His mother was not there. His father was not there. The masters of those days...they had the power of life and death. They could have killed him. They didn't kill him. They sent him to prison. "But Joseph, are you not sad? Are you not worried and fearful now? See what is happening? They sent you to prison." He said, "Sir, do you know the kind of prison they sent me to? VIP prison, where the servants of Pharaoh were. If they sent me to another kind of prison, how would I be able to see those people and interpret their dreams for them? God is on time. This is another milestone."

Then he interpreted the dreams. After interpreting the dreams, he told one of them...he said, "You are going to be set free in just three days. Remember me as you get over there." And then the man got there. Did he remember him? Isn't that a tragedy? No. That's not a tragedy. Do you know why? If the man remembered him when Pharaoh did not have any dream, and they just released Joseph, they would release him into nothingness. They must release him at the right time.

Now, Pharaoh had a dream. The man said, "Now I remember." That's the right time to remember Joseph. Then he came and eventually Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream. Then Pharaoh said, "Can we find any other man apart from this man?" Then the dream became fulfilled.

Meanwhile, there was famine in the land where the brothers were. They came. He recognized them. You will recognize them. They fell on the ground. They said, "We are your servants." Joseph knew the dream was fulfilled. When God has given a word, all the enemies will do is just to send you milestone after milestone in the direction of the fulfillment of the dream. That's the reason why we don't fear anything. We say, "Whatever is happening today, or whatever

happened yesterday, everything is going to lead us to the climax when the dream will be fulfilled."

If you understand that...in fact, we will do less of casting out. What if Joseph had been praying, "Oh God, these my brothers; change their mind"? No, don't change their mind, God, because they are the instruments God will use to send you to the place of the fulfillment of the dream. "Lord, look at this...Potiphar's wife...and look at all this, all this big lie she wants to tell against me. Please don't let her tell a lie." If she doesn't tell the lie, how do you get to the place where you interpret the dream of Pharaoh? Allow them to do what they want to do. Allow them to go the direction they want to go. Everything they do and every direction they go will lead you to the point of fulfillment in your life in Jesus' name.

You see, when you know all this, then you know there is nothing to fear. When you know all this, then you know that there is nothing to cast out. Because the things you are trying to cast out, they're the things God will use to actually get you to the place you need to get to. You will get there. I said, "You will get there." I don't have time tonight, but if I had time I would have just told you quite a lot of things. Here is Thomas Edison. He was in school. As he was in the school then, the teacher said, "This is a no good boy; this one can never do anything," and sent him away and said, "Parents, take care of him. Let him go to the farm." The mother said, "Don't worry about it, Edison." That man became a great inventor. That teacher that sent him out of school...I don't even know his name. I don't know his whereabouts. But the one they sent out of school became a great inventor.

You see, when you understand that, then you understand whatever they do and however they act will get you to the place you need to get to. There is nothing to worry about, and there is nothing to fear. When there is nothing to fear...if you're fearing, you're just tormenting yourself unnecessarily. Look at verse 10 again. ***"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee..."*** Tell me out loud.

How do you have all these promises and you're still afraid? If anybody wants to hurt you, they want to hurt themselves. Anybody that says he wants to destroy Joseph wants to destroy himself. Anybody that says he wants to drown a man that is raised up by God, he wants to drown himself. The Lord says, "I'm with you, and there is nothing that anybody does, nothing anybody plans - anywhere behind, they cut in the forest, in the depth of the sea - can hold any water at all." ***"Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, 'Fear not; I will help thee.'"*** The Lord will help you. I said, "The Lord will help you."

We're looking at Isaiah chapter 43, verse 1. ***"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, 'Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine. When thou passest through the waters..."*** Notice the words *passing through, passing through, passing through*. We don't stay there. I said, "We don't stay there." We don't dwell there. Don't think, *Look at the deep waters*. We're passing through. We're

going to pass through. Have you read in your Bible *It came to pass?* It came so that it will pass away. It's not going to remain. Why are we so worried and we're so anxious and we say...you know sometimes you try to cross the bridge before you reach there. That's our problem. You imagine, *What if this happens? Can I bear that? What if this happens? Can I get...?* Don't worry. Get to the bridge before you cross it.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not sit down months before they got into the fire. What if we get into the fire? What are we going to do? You will never know what you are going to do until you get there. The Lord will not tell you the details of how you'll be able to survive until you get there. But when the time came, they got into the fire. The fourth person, the fourth man, that is the Son of Man, the Son of God...He came. He showed up. You wouldn't know that before you got to that situation. What if Daniel was sitting back and saying, "If I'm ever thrown into the lion's den, what will I do?" Daniel, you are wiser than that. Don't talk about that. When you get there, the Lord will take care of you.

So don't be like Job imagining, *What if this happens to me? What if that happens to me?* Don't even think about that. Just live your life one day at a time. The grace for today is available for today. And God's grace is sufficient for every day. Therefore, you are not worried about what will happen tomorrow. ***"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."*** When tomorrow comes, God will take care of you tomorrow. So that's why we are reading here, ***"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through..."*** Where? ***"...walkest through the fire."*** Walkest through the fire... Then it says, ***"...thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*** Can I have an *Amen* there?

Point number three, now: *Deliverance and Dominion over Fear*. Deliverance from fear and dominion over fear. We're delivered already. We're looking at Isaiah chapter 44. I'm looking at verse 2. ***"Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; 'Fear not, O Jacob, My servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.'"*** We are chosen. Because we are chosen, we're special in the hands of God. In verse 8: ***"Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God [beside him]; I know not any."***

We're looking at chapter 40 of Isaiah. We're looking at verse 9. ***"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid..."*** We'll not be afraid again. ***"...say unto the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'"*** What? Behold your God. ***"Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, his reward is with Him, and His work before Him."*** Now we're looking at Isaiah chapter 52. The Lord has shown us tonight that there is nothing to fear, whether in the depths or in the height, on the mountaintop or in the valley, in the sea or in the fire. Wherever it is and whatever it is, there is nothing to fear because God says, "I am with you." He will always be with us.

Now what do you do in your response to what we have heard, your response to the definition and the description of fear, your response to the divine declaration to the fearful, and your response to the deliverance from fear and dominion from fear? What do you do now? Isaiah chapter 52,

verse 1. *"Awake, awake; ...O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."* The Lord will build a hedge around you. All those things trying to come in to harass your life...everything will be taken care of, gotten rid of in Jesus' name.

"Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion." Do you see what we are trying to say others should do for us...that they should loose the band for us, they should lift us up? The Lord said, "Do it yourself. Shake yourself from the dust and arise. Then *"loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."*

Tonight we're going to shake off everything shakable...all those things that harass your mind. To start with you are going to relax and say, "How foolish I was." Sometimes you ought to be humorous and make fun of yourself and say, "What was I afraid about in my life? Why was I afraid about that and about that? I said, "This thing will kill me." That was about maybe one year ago, and here you are still alive and going stronger.

Then you just look at yourself and say, "How could I have said that? How could I have thought like that? I know that with all the water that has gone under the bridge, and I'm still standing and I'm still on my feet...I know that whatever is coming tomorrow, God will take care of it." Whatever is going to come for the rest of your life, God will take care of it in Jesus' name. Now we know there is nothing to fear. I said, "Now you know there is nothing to fear."

Rise up. Awake, Awake. Put on your strength and put on your beautiful garment. Understand that victory is yours already. Understand that what the Lord has said will be fulfilled. All those enemies, if they're there, they're going to be destroyed in Jesus' name. I want you to just thank the Lord for what He has done. There's nothing to cast out now. Just thank the Lord. Just thank the Lord. Just praise the Lord. He has opened your eyes. He has given you understanding. Now you know He's taking care of you. Now you know when you pass through the fire, He'll be with you. When you pass through the river, you'll not be drowned. Now you know, and because of what you know and because of the truth that is now painted in your heart, you know that all those fears are fantasies.

False experiences appearing real...there is nothing to them. Faceless enemies afflicting your reasoning faculty...nothing to them, nothing to fear...neither man nor woman, neither giant nor champion. The frequently expected adversity realized...nothing to fear. Look up to the Lord. Are you a child of God? Are you a sheep in the fold, a member of the body of Christ, a chosen servant, a chosen disciple, a friend of Christ? He promised He'll take care of you. He promised He'll take care of you. He promised He'll take care of you. He's taking care, He's watching over you. He's watching over you. All the fantasized exaggeration above reality...get rid of them. Don't torment yourself or torture yourself unnecessarily.

Fierce emotions arousing restlessness. Are you not the one making yourself restless and sleepless unnecessarily? What Christ said will be done will be done. What He said will be fulfilled will be fulfilled. And because you know that heaven and earth will pass away, but the words of Christ, the promise of the Lord will never pass away. That's why you have confidence and trust in the

Lord, knowing that He will do what He said He will do. You'll not live day and night, month after month and year after year fearing as if you were an orphan. You have a Heavenly Father. You have Jesus Christ, your Savior, Redeemer, your Shepherd. You have the Holy Ghost, the comforter.

He'll never leave you. He'll never forsake you. Stop giving expression to those wrong thoughts. You know the declaration of the Lord towards you? "Say to the fearful, 'Fear not; be strong.' I'll be with you. I'll never leave you. I'll never forsake you." Trust in the Lord and take heart. When you pass through the fire, He'll be with you. When you pass through the river, He'll be with you. He was with Joseph, and the dream was eventually fulfilled. He'll be with you. If He is the one that gave the dream, He must see to it that it is fulfilled.