

From Fear to Faith

The Christian life is meant to get better and better. We go from faith to faith and glory to glory. But many believers struggle with fear instead of walking in the victory Jesus secured for us. Understanding who our real enemy is and how to defeat him is essential for living the abundant life God promises.

Who's Behind the Bad Things in the World?

The devil is behind all the bad things happening in our world. From the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, he introduced temptation, deception, and slander against God. When mankind fell into his trap, we surrendered our God-given dominion over the earth to the enemy.

But here's the good news: we're not helpless victims. The Bible instructs us to "resist the devil steadfast in the faith." Jesus conquered him and gave us His name, which is above every name. When we speak the name of Jesus with confidence, every work of the enemy must bow and backoff.

Why Do Christians Confess Ignorance About Evil?

It's troubling how many Christians respond to tragedy by saying, "We don't know why this happens." This declaration of ignorance makes it seem like the Bible teaches us nothing about the source of evil.

The truth is clear: God created everything good, and it was His intention for everything to stay good. Man gave place to an enemy who is focused on stealing, killing, and destroying. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Jesus also said, "I only do what I see my Father do." If Jesus never killed anyone, stole anything, or destroyed people's lives, then neither does the Father. God is not the author of evil—the devil is.

How Do We Understand the Old Testament Properly?

Some people get confused when they read the Old Testament because it sometimes appears that God is doing things that Jesus would never do. But 2 Corinthians 3 tells us there's a veil that lies over the reading of the Old Testament, and that veil is only taken away in Christ.

Under the Old Testament, nobody was saved or born again. Even the best prophets were still sinners by nature and couldn't fully understand what they were writing. They were getting light, but they themselves were still in darkness.

It's only when we come to Jesus that we're transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Jesus told His disciples, "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12-13).

What's the Difference Between Fear and Faith?

Job said, "The thing I greatly feared has come upon me" (Job 3:25). Fear is faith in the devil. It draws problems to you. But faith works the opposite way—it draws all the good things God has for you.

In our media-driven society, we're constantly bombarded with images that generate fear. But we can make a decision to stop listening to the evil report and immerse ourselves in the good news. We can change the trajectory of our lives from fear to faith.

Faith acts as a shield that quenches every fiery dart of the enemy. When Jesus walked into a place where demons were having a heyday, they cried out in terror. That's how demons should react to us too—they should be terrified of us because we are children of light.

How Does Light Defeat Darkness?

Darkness cannot come into light, but light can come into darkness. When you turn on a light in a dark room, the darkness instantly disappears. As children of light, we cut through darkness.

When you hear the Word of God, faith rises up. That faith fights for you. It repels evil and takes hold of blessing. Things change automatically when you believe—it's not about you trying to work something up or do something. It's about hearing and allowing belief to rise in your heart.

Why Do People Stay Stuck in Fear and Laziness?

Proverbs says the sluggard (lazy person) says, "There's a lion in the street!" Fear is at the root of laziness. People don't want to do anything because deep down they're afraid and intimidated.

The devil wants Christians to stay hidden, quiet, and non-productive. But it's time for believers to come out boldly and declare what God says about them: "I'm the head and not the tail. I'm above and not beneath. Greater is He that's in me than he that's in the world. I'm more than a conqueror."

How Do We Lay Aside Fear and Grow in Faith?

1 Peter 2:1-2 instructs us to lay aside "all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking" and instead desire the pure milk of the Word that we may grow.

We have to ask ourselves: Where is all this negative focus getting me? What's it doing for me or anyone else? We need to know when enough is enough and say, "I'm not listening to this. I'm not looking at this. I'm not going to keep watching this."

Instead, we need to set our minds on things above, not on things of the earth (Colossians 3:2). We need to focus on God's vision for our lives, which is to bless us, rescue us, deliver us, and raise us up higher.

How Do Faith People Think Differently?

Hebrews 11:13-16 tells us that the heroes of faith "died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

If they had focused their minds on the country they came from, they would have had opportunity to return. But instead, they "desired a better, that is, a heavenly country." What you put your mind on determines whether fear or faith will guide your life.

Life Application

This week, make a conscious decision to change what you're listening to and watching. Instead of immersing yourself in negative news and fearful reports, saturate yourself in God's Word and promises.

When you feel fear rising, speak out loud: "The Christian life is easy. As easy as turning on a light. When I turn on the light, everything goes right. Things turn around, darkness goes, the blessings flow. I'm too blessed and too bright to be cursed. In the name of Jesus, the devil is under my feet."

Ask yourself:

- What specific fears have been controlling my thoughts and actions?
- How much time am I spending consuming negative media versus God's Word?
- What promises from God can I begin declaring over those areas where I've been living in fear?
- How can I be a light in dark situations this week instead of adding to the fear?

Remember, the devil that was pursuing you is now fleeing from you. Everything has turned around and is going in God's direction now. You are on a rescue mission to save humanity from darkness—and it's easy because you are light. You just have to show up, and the work has already begun.

Quotes

1. "The Bible says we go from faith to faith, and glory to glory. What does that mean? It means we're getting better and better, stronger and stronger—and that causes everything around us to get better too."
2. "When bad things happen, don't be confused. Why do they happen? Because there's a real devil—a nasty, destructive devil—and mankind has given him place."
3. "The Bible says, 'Resist him, steadfast in the faith.' Put him on the run. Kick him out. Don't tolerate him. Don't give in to him like Adam did. Resist him."

4. "A lot of Christians don't even know who they're fighting. In fact, some aren't fighting at all because they think they'd be fighting against God. They're confused—thinking God and the devil are working together. They're not."
5. "I never saw Jesus drown anybody. I never saw Him kill anyone. I never saw Him sneak up and steal something. Did Jesus ever rob or murder in the name of God's judgment? No."
6. "The Old Testament is incomplete without the New. The Bible says there's a veil over the reading of the Old Testament—but that veil is taken away in Christ."
7. "As children of light, we're not walking around in ignorance. We're not clueless about spiritual things."
8. "The thing I greatly feared has come upon me.' That's what Job said. His fear was operating as a spiritual law—drawing trouble to him."
9. "Want to be blessed? Get in faith. Want to stay cursed? Stay in fear."
10. "Fear is faith in the devil."
11. "All you need to do is know you are light—because when you know it, the devil knows it too. And he's terrified."
12. "The Bible says demons believe—and they tremble. They shake. But we're not shaking. We are inheriting a kingdom that cannot be shaken."
13. "You changed what you're listening to. You could've stayed home and filled your mind with some evil report. But instead, you came into the house of God and strengthened your faith."
14. "Laziness is rooted in fear. People are lazy because they're afraid."
15. "It's time for Christians to come out of the closet. Every vile, filthy thing has come out since the day Christians went in."
16. "I know greater is He that's in me than he that's in the world. I know I'm more than a conqueror."

17. “The Christian life is easy—like turning on a light. When the light comes on, everything changes. Darkness goes, blessings flow.”
18. “The devil that was chasing you is now running from you.”
19. “We’re on a rescue mission to save people from darkness. And it’s easy—because we’re light. Just show up. The work is already in motion.”
20. “Money doesn’t intimidate me. I’m not worried about it. God promised to provide everything we need—so we can fully obey Him.”

Verses

1. 2 Corinthians 3
2. John 10:10
3. 1 Peter 2:1-2
4. Colossians 3
5. Hebrews 11:13-16
6. Acts 17:22-27
7. Job 3:25

Short

The Christian life is meant to progress from faith to faith, yet many believers struggle with fear instead of walking in victory. The devil, not God, is behind the bad things in our world, but we're not helpless victims. We can resist him through faith in Jesus' name. Fear acts as faith in the devil, drawing problems to us, while true faith draws God's blessings. By immersing ourselves in God's Word rather than fearful media, we can change our trajectory from fear to faith. As children of light, we have the power to dispel darkness simply by showing up.