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#### Week 4 There is No Fear in the Kingdom of God

## Colossians 1:13: <sup>13</sup> [The Father] has delivered *and* drawn us to Himself out of the control *and* the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. AMPC

Someone once said, "It doesn't take an army to bring down a nation. All it takes is fear!"

When you can instill fear in people, you can control those people. In all of history, every great leader, instilled courage in the ones who followed them.

- I. There are two voices in this world
  - One Voice tells us, "Do Not be Afraid!'
  - The other voice says, "Be Very Afraid!"

The voice that we listen to will determine whether we live in bondage or whether we live in freedom. Our Jesus is the greatest leader in all the universe. He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the Great I AM! He instills courage in those who listen to His voice. Over 365 times in the Bible He has told us, "Do Not Be Afraid! Be of Good Courage!" We can trust Him because what He promises us He will do!"

Every time we hear a voice that tempts us to be afraid, we have choice to make. Are we going to listen to the voice of fear or are we going to turn our hearts to Jesus, the voice of truth and ask, "What do you say about this, Jesus?" He will ALWAYS speak truth to our heart and set us free from all fear. His perfect Love sets us free from fear.

II. Our King, Jesus, speaks truth to our hearts to empower us with courage and confidence in Him.

Luke 12:30-32: <sup>30</sup> People everywhere seem to worry about making a living, but your heavenly Father knows your every need and will take care of you. <sup>31</sup> Each and every day he will supply your needs as you seek his kingdom passionately, above all else. <sup>32</sup> So don't ever be afraid, dearest friends! <u>Your loving Father joyously gives you his kingdom realm with all its promises!</u> TPT

The Kingdom of God is the gift of righteousness, joy, and peace given by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said we don't have to be afraid because our loving Father joyously gives us His kingdom with all it's promises. All of His kingdom promises are Yes and Amen in Christy Jesus. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Matthew 5:5: <sup>5</sup>Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth!

Psalm 37:11: "The humble of heart will inherit every promise and enjoy abundant peace."

III. There is No Fear in the Kingdom of Love! Perfect Love Casts out All fear! We say, "NO!" to fear!

2 Timothy 1:7: <sup>7</sup> For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm *and* well-balanced mind *and* discipline *and* self-control. AMPC

It's very easy to discern what voice is behind the one spreading fear and what voice is behind spreading peace. The enemy is behind the spirit of fear, but Jesus has not given us a spirit of fear. He has given us a spirit of power, love and and a sound mind. His perfect Love casts out all fear and His voice always brings peace.

2 Peter 5:7-9: <sup>7</sup> "Pour out all your worries and stress upon him *and leave them there*, for he always tenderly cares for you.<sup>8</sup> Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour. <sup>9</sup> Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith. For you know that your believing brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing the same kinds of troubles you endure." TPT

- Give all your fears to Jesus because He cares for you
- The enemy will try to devour you with fear
- Take a decisive stand against him. Make a decision to resist fear. Make up your mind & say, "No!" to all fear!" And agree with what Jesus says about you!

#### Greater is He that is in you than the spirit of fear that is active in this world

1 John 4:3-4: <sup>3</sup> "Everyone who does not acknowledge that Jesus is from God has the spirit of antichrist, which you heard was coming and is already active in the world.<sup>4</sup> Little children, you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them, for the One who is living in you is far greater than the one who is in the world." TPT

1 John 4:9-11; <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: in that God sent His Son, the only begotten *or* unique [Son], into the world so that we might live through Him.<sup>10</sup> In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another. AMPC

1 John 4:16-19 <sup>16</sup> <sup>\*</sup>And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells *and* continues in love dwells *and* continues in God, and God dwells *and* continues in him. <sup>17</sup> In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion *and* attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because <u>as He is, so are we in this world</u>. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors *and* expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]." AMPC

• Through our union and communion with Him, His perfect love comes to completion in us driving out all fear!

- We can be fearless whenever we hear accusing, fearful voices in this world because as Jesus is so are we in this world!
- His perfect love drives out all fear from our hearts!

# According to the power of love that is at work in you, God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above your highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, and dreams!

Ephesians 3:19-20: <sup>19</sup> [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]! <sup>20</sup> Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

- According to the power of love that drives all fear from your heart, God is able to do far above all you could ever pray or desire for your family, for yourself, and for your nation!
- Greater is the power within us to bring forth our Father's will in our lives and in our nation than the spirit of fear that is active in this world.

As we listen to the voice of Love, say NO to fear, and YES to Jesus, God's kingdom will come and His will be done in us and in the hearts of men by the power of His Spirit! WOOHOO!

There is No Fear in the Kingdom of God! Our King is the Prince of Peace! And Our God Reigns forever!