

# "HOW TO CONQUER FEAR!"

- Joshua 5:13-15

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- I. Conquer Fear by **MEETING WITH JESUS!**
- II. Conquer Fear by **WORSHIPPING JESUS!**
- III. Conquer Fear by **SURRENDERING TO JESUS!**

## **Joshua 1-4 Background**

**Joshua was faced with GREAT PROMISES but also GREAT FEARS!**

### **Joshua's GREAT PROMISES:**

- Josh 1:3
- Josh 1:5
- Josh 1:8
- Josh 1:9

### **Joshua's GREAT FEARS:**

- New leadership!
- Scouting reports!
- Nation's destiny!
- Unknown future!

**We too** are faced with the same situation... will we choose to believe our **GREAT FEARS??**

- 92% never come to pass!
- Boys fearful "imagination"
- Some stressful realities...

Or will we choose to believe our **GREAT PROMISES** from Jesus??

- Eph 3:20
- Matt 6:33
- Phil 4:19
- Rom 8:28
- Phil 1:6

> In our story, Joshua is out contemplating his challenging situation... and he **MEETS** a mysterious Man....

*“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and **behold, a Man** stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “ Are You for us or for our adversaries?” So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”*

- This Man Joshua met with, must've been *awesome to behold...*
- This Man Joshua met with, *was Jesus Himself...* a Christophany!!
- This Man declared Himself to be *the Commander of the Lord's armies!*
  - *This must have brought Joshua instant relief, instant courage!*

**TO CONQUER FEAR, YOU TOO MUST MEET WITH JESUS!! A PERSONAL, DEEP ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST!**

> Back in our story, Joshua then **WORSHIPS** Jesus....

*“...And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and **worshipped...**”*

- *Joshua falls to the ground, on his knees and bows down in worship to this Man!*
- *Worship is the **bowing down of my heart/mind** to God's will and God's desires for me!*
- *Notice there **ISN'T ANY MUSIC** mentioned anywhere in this incident.*
- *When worship reaches it's maximum, when worship climaxes, words are useless, words become redundant! You simply sit before the Lord, basking in His majesty, His goodness, and His beauty!*

**TO CONQUER FEAR, YOU TOO MUST WORSHIP JESUS!! YOU MUST BOW DOWN TO HIM IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE!**

> Back in our story, Joshua then **SURRENDERS** to Jesus....

**"...and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?""**

- Joshua chooses to submit to this leader, he releases control of the situation to Jesus, and
- simply surrenders!
  
- Interestingly, **WE FEAR SURRENDER TO GOD....** as a result, we offer "conditional
- surrender to Him...
- Many times it's because we don't truly believe that GOD IS FOR US... but listen to what
- Jesus said to Joshua...
  - To conquer and overcome fear **YOU MUST KNOW & BELIEVE JESUS IS FOR**
  - **YOU TOO!**
    - *Romans 8:31*
    - *Eph 3:20*
    - *Jer 29:11*
    - *Rom 8:28*
    - *Matt 28:19*
    - *Phil 1:6*
    - *Though the FUTURE may look uncertain, we know that **the PAST IS CERTAIN.***  
*you; He's always guided you; He has always led you thru the trials....*
      - *Jesus has split open the Red Sea for you...*
      - *Jesus has torn down the high walls of Jericho for us...*
      - *Jesus has killed huge giants for you...*
      - *Jesus has raised you from the dead many times...*

- **TO CONQUER FEAR, YOU TOO MUST SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO JESUS!!**
- **YOU MUST DECIDE TO YIELD, TO SUBMIT, TO SURRENDER YOUR ENTIRE LIFE**
- **AND FUTURE TO THE WILL OF YOUR GREAT GOD AND KING - JESUS!**

Like Joshua, if we want to overcome and CONQUER FEAR, the we must

- > **MEET WITH JESUS...** in private, personal, deep encounters!
- > **WORSHIP JESUS...** and bow down in our hearts to His will!
- > **SURRENDER TO JESUS...** release our future, our lives to His keeping!



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