

Fear Free

July 25-26, 2020 Online

Matthew 16:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

I. Words are Not Enough

Be strong and courageous

Deuteronomy 31:6-7 (NIV) [Moses is speaking] ⁶ “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.”

- Clarify:
- 1) Fear kept them from God's promise in the past
 - 2) They could choose a new outcome
 - 3) Must follow God's prescription

Why was Joshua God's leadership choice?

Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴ “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

- 1) He respected God's power and authority
- 2) He served God faithfully
- 3) He destroyed the hold of his past

The Messianic Hope

Isaiah 12:1–2 (NIV) ¹ In that day you will say: “I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.”

II. Becoming Fear Free has Several Steps

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Prayer

Word/Scripture

Confession

Faith

Trust

III. God's Presence in His Promises

Isaiah 11:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord..

Accepting Jesus = Receiving the Holy Spirit and Peace

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV) ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.” (Deut. 31:6)

Prayer of Trusting God:

Heavenly Father, I'm tired of living in fear. I choose to renounce and destroy my old false gods. Cleanse me of my sinful ways. May the same power that raised Jesus from the dead work in me. I choose to follow Jesus from this day forward. I command all fear to leave me. — In Jesus' name, Amen

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat Rest Sun Luke 13:1-9; Ps 58-65 Mon Luke 13:10-21; Ps 66-69
 Tue Luke 13:22-35; Ps 70-73 Wed Luke 14:1-14; Ps 74-77
 Thur Luke 14:15-24; Ps 78-79 Fri Luke 14:25-35; Ps 80-85 Sat Rest