

## Fear and the Fight of Faith

**Psalm 111:10** - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**Proverbs 19:23** - The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

### **Top 10 Fears – Amy Marin at Lifehack.org**

- The Fear of Rejection
- The Fear of Failure
- The Fear of Uncertainty
- The Fear of Loneliness
- The Fear of Change
- The Fear of Loss of Freedom
- The Fear of Being Judged
- The Fear of Getting Hurt
- The Fear of Something Bad Happening
- The Fear of Inadequacy

**Proverbs 29:25** - The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

**C.H. Spurgeon:** “The very essence of anxious care is the imagining that we are wiser than God, and the thrusting of ourselves into His place, to do for Him that which we dream He either cannot or will not do!”

**Romans 8:28** - 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

### **1. Where to Go in Fearful Times:**

**1 John 4:18** - There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

**Psalm 34:4** - I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**Psalm 56:3-4** - When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

**Psalm 46:1-3** - 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

### **2. What We Must Remember and Why We Need Not Fear**

**Isaiah 41:10** - Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Joshua 1:9** - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

**John 14:27** - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**2 Timothy 1:6-7** - For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

**Psalms 23:4** - 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**Psalms 27:1** - The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Romans 8:38-39** - For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Isaiah 43:1-3** - But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**Joel 2:21** - 21 "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

**Isaiah 35:3-10** - 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. 8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**C.H. Spurgeon:** "You do not know the gospel, dear friends, if you have not obtained peace through it; peace is the juice, the essence, the soul of the gospel... He has the power to breathe peace into the heart, to create peace in the soul, and lull the spirit into that sweet sleep of the beloved which is the peculiar gift of heaven. "I will give you rest," said he, and he can and will do it."