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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.”

The key to living without fear is
living in the fear of the Lord

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear My Name,
the sun of righteousness shall rise
with healing in its wings. You shall
go out leaping like calves from the
stall.

Luke 1:13,30

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Phobos – to be made afraid; seized
with alarm; put to flight

Philippians 4:6
Matthew 6:25-34 (6X)
Luke 10:41

Merimna – to take thought – to be
troubled with cares

1. We can choose not to fear
and/or be anxious/worried

2. There is a difference between the fear and worry we are often debilitated by and the type of concern/stress we feel by godly burdens we're called to carry ...
(e.g. Jesus in the garden)

3. And yet, whether it is godly stress or ungodly worry and fear, what we do with both is the same

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We take intentional action – we’re
not helpless victims of fear and
worry – “Do not be afraid” vv.

13,30

1. We go to God and truth:
 - a. To replace the lies that have caused us fear and worry, or ...
 - b. To reinforce our resolve and courage to successfully meet the call of God

Our fears and worries come when

- Our perspective is wrong

Mark 4:35-41

Luke 12

4 “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, ...

Luke 12

after your body has been killed,
has authority to throw you into
hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. 6 Are
not five sparrows sold for two
pennies? Yet not one of them is
forgotten by God...

Luke 12

7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

CS Lewis in 1948.

“In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb.

‘How are we to live in an atomic age?’ I am tempted to reply: ‘Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the ...

plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis,

an age of paralysis, an age of air
raids, an age of railway accidents,
an age of motor accidents.'

In other words, do not let us begin
by exaggerating the novelty of our
situation. Believe me, dear sir

or madam, you and all whom you
love were already sentenced to
death before the atomic bomb was
invented: and quite a high
percentage of us were going to die
in unpleasant ways. We had,
indeed, one very great

advantage over our ancestor -
anesthetics; but we have that still.

It is perfectly ridiculous to go
about whimpering and drawing
long faces because the scientists
have added one more chance of
painful and premature death to a

world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is

to pull ourselves together. If we are
all going to be destroyed by an
atomic bomb, let that bomb when
it comes find us doing sensible and
human things - praying, working,
teaching, reading, listening to
music, bathing the children,

playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts - not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.”

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- Our perspective is wrong
- Our priorities get twisted

Luke 10:41

Our fears and worries come when

- Our perspective is wrong
- Our priorities get twisted
- Our preparation/faithfulness is lacking

2. We receive the truth – we actively affirm, trust and believe what is true

3. We live resting in the truth

1 Thessalonians 5:17

“pray continually”

What does that process look like?

Philippians 4:6-8

Fear and Worry come when we feel

Threatened
Vulnerable

Specifically, our sense of security,
value, worth, or identity

The truth is in Christ our security,
value, worth, or identity are never
threatened or vulnerable

We are completely secure, safe and
empowered – and our identity
complete and in tact

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

