

Dear brother,

I'm a secret convert, and I need your guidance. A while back, I had problems with my wife, as well as the security police, because a friend recommended that I get on satellite TV with Mr. R. (who is a Christian television minister). This ended up creating more problems, and things got more messy. I asked him to delete the video as it was putting my life in danger, and he refused and blocked me. Dealing with the double identity, being a Muslim on paper and a Christian before people, I was told by some Coptic Christians that they could help issue me a Christian identity card. I accepted, but this got me in more trouble with the government since it was a fabricated card and not what the government wanted. I have a bunch of court cases pending, and I'm depressed. I'm writing you this message from an Internet cafe as I have nowhere to go and often I sleep on the street. My only crime is choosing to follow Christ and hoping to get a Christian identity card. I feel lost, everything is bleak, and the church is so afraid to help or give advice or any kind of guidance. The local church typically distances itself from people like me. Please advise me as to what I should do.

Your brother, M. Boghdady, Cairo, Egypt

FAITH

Over

Fear

TRUSTING GOD IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES

Faith doesn't deny the storm — it declares who's Lord over it.

Fear is not just a feeling — it's a spirit. But **God gives us power,** love, and a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of sound mind.

Understanding the Spirit of Fear

Fear is more than emotion; it is a **spirit** that can infiltrate your life and paralyze your calling.

It often enters through **trauma, ignorance, or wrong belief systems.**

Fear **distorts identity** and shrinks divine vision.

Divine Provision Against Fear (2 Timothy 1:7)

God equips believers with:

Power – Courage from the Holy Spirit.

Love – Confidence in God's commitment to you.

Sound Mind – Ability to discern truth and act wisely.

Matthew 8:5–13 NKJV

For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”

When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

1 The Centurion (Matthew 8:5–13)

The centurion understood authority and didn't need to **see**, only to **hear** Jesus' Word.

Jesus calls this **great faith** — not rooted in tradition, but in trust.

He believed **one word** from Jesus was enough to bring healing.

Mark 10:46–52 NKJV

Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

2 Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52)

Despite rebuke and public scorn, Bartimaeus persisted in faith.

He refused to let fear of man silence his cry for mercy — and received healing.

Numbers 13:33 NKJV

There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

3 Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 13)

Among 12 spies, only they **believed God's promise.**

Their faith contrasted the fear that spread among the people.

Faith chooses to believe God even when others are afraid.

4. Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6:16–23)

Daniel's **unshakable faith** led him to defy a king's decree.

He prioritized communion with God over personal safety—and was preserved.

5. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:14–30)

Faced with the threat of a fiery furnace, these men refused to worship an idol, expressing unwavering faith in God's deliverance. Their courage in the face of death demonstrates how faith can empower individuals to stand firm against fear-inducing circumstances. Faith stands firm in the face of death.

Pray First, Don't Panic Later

Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.

In times of fear, prayer is where we align with God's promises.

Breaking the Cycle of Fear

Renounce fear with authority.

Build an **altar of faith** through testimony, fasting, and Scripture.

Faith as a Counterforce to Fear

Faith is trusting God's nature and His Word.
It's built through **intimacy with God**, not just head knowledge.

Walking in Faith

1. Fill Your Heart with the Word
2. Practice His Presence
3. Confess and Declare Boldly
4. Act in Obedience

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9

Step out even when uncertain – God is faithful.