

Encounter Church
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Empowered and Unstoppable Finished With Fear

INTRODUCTION: Two weeks ago we talked about “Who do you “THINK” You Are.” From the story of David and Goliath we discovered that our enemy, Satan, wants you and me to “*Question Who We Are*” as Children of God.

Goliath looked at David and basically said, “who do you think you are you ruddy-faced little boy that you come to me with a stick.”

When you're holding onto and declaring the Word of God (the Bible) your enemy wants you to think you're just holding a “stick.” You might say, “what good is this?”

But when you declare the Word of God you're coming at the enemy with the “Sword of the Spirit” and all he has is a stick.

BUT IF HE CAN GET YOU TO PUT A QUESTION MARK WHERE GOD HAS PUT A PERIOD.....

Genesis 3:1 (NLT)- “The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

BUT IF HE CAN GET YOU TO PUT A QUESTION MARK WHERE GOD HAS PUT A PERIOD.....

1 Samuel 17:44 (NLT)- “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.”

If you begin to question who you are in Christ you'll “FORECAST YOUR FUTURE IN FEAR.”

Instead of living by faith you'll live by fear!

Hebrews 11:6- (NLT) “And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”

Fear doesn't play around! Fear comes to consume our lives! Fear is a wall that keeps us from God's best!

We think fear is about being afraid but it's much more than that. Fear is a spirit and our enemy uses it against us!

Fear is manifested through ANGER, INSECURITY, CONTROL, INDECISION. PRIDE.

BUT HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS!

Romans 8:15-16 (NLT)- "So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."

TRANSITION: **HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR**

1. Stand Your Ground in Faith

1 Samuel 17:48 (NLT)- "As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him."

Every decision you make in fear you later regret! Stand your ground!

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)- "Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil."

Overcome fear! Stand your ground!

2. Pray in Faith

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)- "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Are you struggling with fear. PRAY! Tell God what you need and then thank Him!

MAKE PRAYER YOUR FIRST RESPONSE AND NOT YOUR LAST RESORT!

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)- "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

Overcome fear! Stand your ground and pray in faith!

3. Open Your Mouth in Faith

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT)- “David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

Don’t move toward your giant with your mouth closed!

Matthew 17:20 (NLT)- “You don’t have enough faith,” Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there, ’and it would move. Nothing would be impossible. ”

4. Trust God in Faith

YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE A SIDE! YOU HAVE A GOD THAT IS FOR YOU AND NOT AGAINST YOU! NOT ONE OF HIS PROMISES WILL FAIL!

Psalms 56:3-4 (NLT)- “But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?”

Psalms 118:6 (NLT)- “The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

Overcome Fear. Stand your ground! Pray! Open Your Mouth! Trust God!

CONCLUSION:

1 John 4:17-18 (NLT)- And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.”

I have faith in God’s love for me so therefore I’m finished with fear!

The enemy wants to keep you from being who God created you to be! It’s time to fight because your future is on the other side of fear! BE FINISHED WITH FEAR!