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Defeating FEAR

Why Are We Afraid?





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Phobia (fō'-bē-ə) *n.* A persistent, abnormal or illogical fear of a specific thing or situation





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Ophidiophobia





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Aviophobia





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Phalacrophobia





Phalacrophobia

Pentheraphobia





Phalacrophobia
Pentheraphobia
Glossophobia





Phalacrophobia
Pentheraphobia
Glossophobia
Sesquipedalophobia





Witnessophobia!





Defeating FEAR

How to Overcome Your **FEAR** of Witnessing





1

Understand that FEAR is normal.





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*“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.
²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.”*

1 Corinthians 2:1-3





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“For when we came into Macedonia, this body of ours had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn – conflicts on the outside, fears within.”

2 Corinthians 7:5





2

Ask FRIENDS to pray for
you.





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“Pray also for me... that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel... Pray that I may declare it fearlessly as I should.”

Ephesians 6:19-20





3

Expect to FACE
opposition.





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“Do you remember what I told you? A servant is not greater than a master. Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you.”

John 15:20 (NLT)





4

FOCUS on your rewards.





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- ETERNAL





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“The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.”

1 Corinthians 3:8





4

FOCUS on your rewards.

- EARTHLY





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“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.”

Philemon 6





5

FORSAKE the “win-them”
mentality.





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“What, after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you come to believe – as the Lord has assigned each to his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:5-7





6

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- Luke 2:8-11





7

FINALLY, remember that
it is an obedience issue.





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“For the Son of man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

Luke 19:10





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“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’”

John 20:21





What now?





What now?

Based on what we have
just seen in God's Word,
what should you do today?





Make the DECISION to
defeat your fears.



**They killed his entire family.
They threw him on a burning fire,
and they left him to die.**



*Why would a young boy
be subjected to such cruelty...*





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“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline. So you must never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.”

2 Timothy 1:7-8





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Knowing it is God's will,
and with God's help,
starting RIGHT NOW I
will not let fear keep me
from witnessing.





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“I will share my story of receiving Jesus as my Savior with at least one person tomorrow.”



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