

Faith Over Fear

Kinds of Fear

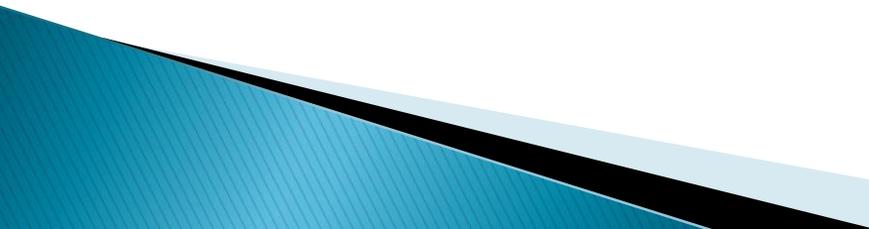
- ▶ Protective fear
- ▶ Fear of God

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 19:23



God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:16–18



Kinds of Fear

- ▶ Protective fear
 - ▶ Fear of God
 - ▶ Enslaving fear
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The Nature of Fear

- ▶ Rational risk taken to irrational proportions.
 - ▶ It overwhelms our thoughts and imagination.
 - ▶ It paralyzes.
 - ▶ It causes overreaction.
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Handling Fear – Isaiah 41:8-14

“But you, O Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
you descendants of Abraham my friend,

I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, ‘You are my servant’;
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Handling Fear – Isaiah 41:8–14

“All who rage against you
will surely be ashamed and disgraced;
those who oppose you
will be as nothing and perish.

Though you search for your enemies,
you will not find them.

Those who wage war against you
will be as nothing at all.



Handling Fear – Isaiah 41:8–14

For I am the Lord, your God,
who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, Do not fear;
I will help you.

Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob,
O little Israel,
for I myself will help you,” declares the Lord,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.



Handling Fear – Isaiah 41:8-14

- ▶ Name and face your fear.
 - ▶ Accept God's care for you.
 - ▶ Change your focus to God's strength.
 - ▶ Take hold of God's hand.
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