June 28, 2020
Scripture: Matt.6:25-34; 2 Tim.1:7

"The Terrorism of Possibilities"
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A Culture of Fear: "It uses fear to control us!"

- ***Timidity:*** *"Should I do that?" (Nervousness, Weak)*
- ***Worry:*** "What will happen?" (Anxiety, Apprehension)
- ***Fear:*** "But this will happen!" (Paralyze; Control us)

Matt.6:25-26 Jesus and Worry

2 Tim.1:7 "A spirit of timidity" *(fear, cowardice)*
Rom.8:15 "a spirit that makes you a slave to fear..."

Four Key Ingredients:
It begins when we...

I. Acknowledge the Fear:

- **Internally:** *"Self-awareness"*
- **Externally:** *Manipulation*
- **Don't hide your feelings…**
- **Don't-** *justify it; rationalize it*

When we…

II. The Whole Battlefield: *Ps.91:1; Deut.20:3-4*

- **The Enemy:** *"Name it!"*
- **Our inadequacy**
- **God's presence!**

When we…

III. Utilize God's Resources:

- ***Power*** - _____
  Acts 1:8 power of the Holy Spirit
- ***Love of God-*** _____
  1 Jn.4:18 "Fear is made perfect in love"
- ***Self-Control*** *(a sound mind; self–discipline)-*
  - _____
  Gal.5:22-23 Fruit of the Spirit

When we…

IV. Take Hold of the Promises: *Psalm 91*

2 Tim 1:7 ***"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity*** *(cowardice; fear; faint hearted; cringing, timidity),* ***but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."*** *NIV*

Heb 2:14-16

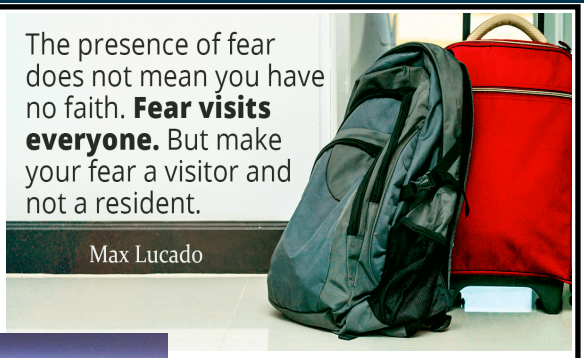
"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil— and ***free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear*** *of death."* NIV

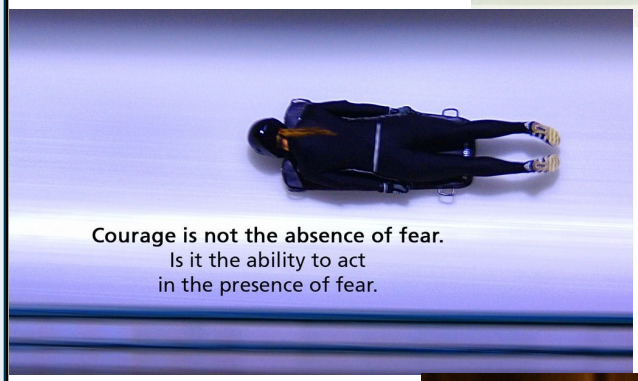
1 John 4:18 ***"There is no fear in love.*** *But* ***perfect love drives out fear****, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."* NIV

Isa 41:10 (43:1-2,5) NKJV ***"Fear not, for I am with you;*** *Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* NKJV

"Ps 23:4-5 *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,* ***I will fear no evil,*** *for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."* *NIV*

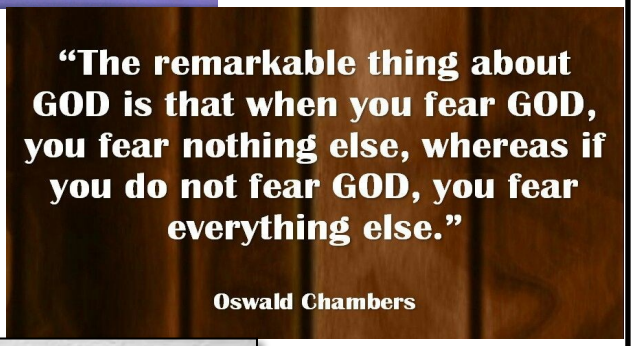
Ps 46:1-3 "God is our ***refuge and strength,*** an ever-present help in trouble. ***Therefore we will not fear,*** though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their

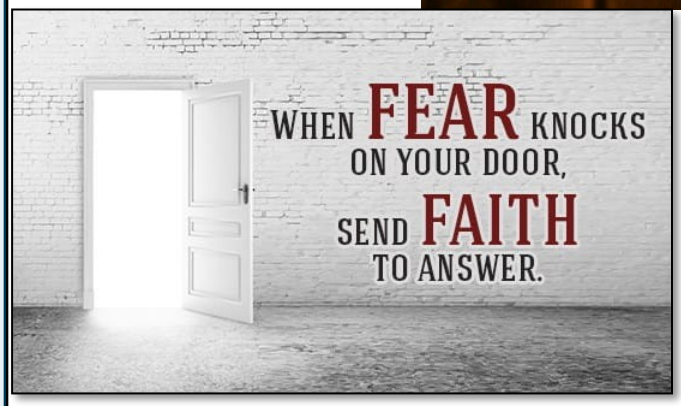




Phil 4:6-7 "***Do not be anxious*** about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." NIV

1 Peter 5:7-9 ***"Cast all your anxiety on him*** *because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* ***Resist him, standing firm***





John 14:27 ***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.*** *I do not give to you as the world gives.* ***Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*** NIV

Deut.31:6; Josh.1:9; Psalm 27:1, 34:4, 55:22, 56:3, 94:19, 91:1-16, 118:6-7; Prov.12:25, 29:25; Isa.35:4; 1 Pet.3:14; Rom.8:38-39; Rev.1:17

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Next Sunday: *Psalm 51*

"The Heart of the Repentant"

Communion Next week!