

Fearless 4 – 05/29/11

Life is truly a rollercoaster ride

I want to encourage and empower you to take that ride being governed by “Faith in God,” instead of “Fear.”

Fear has torment, and a life governed by torment is a life unfit to live.

Fear causes us to create walls of protections that create a prison that you live in. Many have accepted a “Life Sentence” to living in the torment and limits of fear.

I want you to leave today believing you can live above the influence and voice of fear.

Each time God would give instructions about the future, he would precede it with the words, “Fear Not.”

- Fear is the great inhibitor.
- Fear says “No” before you ever get the chance to consider “Yes.”
- Fear removes God from the equation.
- Fear lives based upon past experiences and forecasts the future based upon the assumption of the absence of God’s grace, power, and enablement.
- Fear is the invisible lid on the fulfillment of God’s Dream for our lives.
- Faith or Fear will be the leader – one leads to Victory and the other to torment

The Children of Israel

THE PROMISE

Exodus 23:20-26

20 See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

21 Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.

22 If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out.

24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces.

25 Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you,

26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

THE VERBAL RESPONSE

Exodus 24:3-4

3 When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "**Everything** the LORD has said **we will do.**"

4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

THE ACTUAL RESPONSE

Numbers 13:26-33

26 Now they (12 spies) departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for ***we are well able to overcome it.***"

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "***We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.***"

32 And they gave the children of Israel an evil report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.

33 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."

POSSESSING THE LAND

Joshua 14:6-15

6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea.

7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.'

10 And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in.

12 Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

FEAR EXPOSED

Numbers 13:33 - 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.***"

Joshua 2:8-11

8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof

9 and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.

10 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

Fear makes the "Heart Melt" and Faith makes the heart "Bold to Act."

The enemy of your soul is no match for the Victory that you possess in Christ.

The question is, "Will we let Jesus' Victory govern our lives or live like the 10 spies and declare, 'We are not able'?"