

## Fear Not Part 1

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1. *"1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be."* (Genesis 15:1-5 KJV) When God called Abram he was at the age of seventy five years old, God promised him the following: *"2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* (Genesis 12:2-3 KJV) But after a considerable period of walk with God Abram was worried and afraid that God's promise might not be fulfilled in His life because he did not have yet any child. But the LORD comforted him and assured him that a son will be born from him and with that very son God would fulfill what He had promised to Abram. **The same thing for you, you may not have children or even a family, but fear not and trust Him that He can fulfill and achieve to you what He had promised you.**

2. *"17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is."* (Genesis 21:17 KJV) Hagar was sent away with her son Ishmael as God instructed Abraham to do that as we can read here: *"14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. 15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs."* (Genesis 21:14-15 KJV) It was so painful for Hagar to see her son dying in front of her eyes, *"16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept."* (Genesis 21:16 KJV) At that very moment God interfered and revealed Himself to Hagar when He sent His Word and told her, *"fear not", "17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. 21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt."* (Genesis 21:17-21 KJV) **The same for you today, "fear not", even if you are rejected and thrown away and you are**

alone with a great responsibility, **"fear not"**, God is beside you and He is able to sustain you and sustain your family and lead you in safe and prosperous way.

3. *"24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake."* (Genesis 26:24 KJV) Isaac the son of Abraham God blessed him as we can read, *"12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: 14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him."* (Genesis 26:12-14 KJV) That success caused the people around him to be jealous and started to harm him, *"15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. 16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. 17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. 20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. 21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. 22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. 23 And he went up from thence to Beersheba."* (Genesis 26:15-23 KJV) Isaac was persecuted and ill treated by the people who were around him because of his success and his diligent to live his life for God. But the LORD did not leave him alone. He told him, *"fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed"*. And indeed God was with him and blessed him as we can read the proof here: *"25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well. 26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. 27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28 And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; 29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD."* (Genesis 26:25-29 KJV) **The same for you, the Lord's Word is: "... fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed ..." (Genesis 26:24)** Trials and hardships that you are passing through with the people around you are temporarily and the Lord will surely bless you as you persevere, trusting Him and living your life fully unto Him, and everyone will see the blessings of the LORD in your life.

Not every time life is easy and is full of roses. Sometime there is tough time and trials. But there is special grace of God for such seasons and God's word encourage us and comfort us in our lives as we pass through trials and various circumstances that impose on us threats that we need to handle, challenges that we ought to face, or tasks we ought to achieve. The Scriptures are full of that and as we read and discuss we will get encouraged, revived and inspired with God's word to go on and do His work and live our lives unto Him. Let us continue to study the Scripture.

4. ***“16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.” (Genesis 35:16-18 KJV)*** Rachel was giving birth to her second son and it was difficult labor that caused her to die. ***“And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni:”*** Ben-Oni mean the son of my trouble, but his father named him Benjamin means the son of my right hand. **Life’s events may knock us down but as we are giving birth to new children and teaching them the ways of the Lord and as we go on and making new disciples we don’t need to be afraid, *“Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.”* Yes you have another disciple for the Lord, so, *“Fear not”*.**

5. ***“1 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.” (Genesis 46:1-4 KJV)*** Jacob whom the Lord named Israel was about to move down with his children and their families to Egypt to be beside his son Joseph because there was great famine in the land. Of course he might be having worries and concerns as he was moving to the new place for living and settlement and he needed to take a move. Therefore the Lord confirmed it to him, ***“fear not to go down into Egypt;”*** God encouraged him to go forward for the next turn in his life to continue the good plan of God for him in assuring him the following:

***A.” for I will there make of thee a great nation”:*** God confirmed to him that the goal of the initial vision will not be lost but accomplished.

***B. “I will go down with thee into Egypt”:*** God will not let him alone; but He will be with him.

***C. “and I will also surely bring thee up again”:*** God would accomplish to Jacob what He had promised him, that he will bring Israel back to the land of Canaan. **The same for you, if you are about to take a certain turn in your life, you don’t need to be afraid to go and move to certain places as the Lord is leading you. He will neither leave you nor forsake you, and sure He will accomplish to you what He had promised you.**

6. ***“13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.” (Exodus 14:13-14 KJV)*** When God brought His people out of Egypt, the army of Pharaoh followed them and pursued them up to the edge of the sea. Here at the edge of the sea their faith was tested. They were so afraid that they will be crushed with Pharaoh’s Army. But Moses encouraged them and assured them that God will deal with the situation as he told them, ***“Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day:”*** At the edge of the sea there was nothing left in their hands to do other than trusting God fully for deliverance. **The same can be applied today. There are certain times we cannot do anything but to trust God for complete deliverance. We need to stand firm in faith trusting God for deliverance that He will be the one to deal properly with our enemies.**

7. ***“21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.” (Deuteronomy 1:21 KJV)*** Moses was encouraging the people to go on and possess the Promised Land that the Lord had promised to give them to settle in and live and multiply and increase in number. Moses also encouraged and strengthened Joshua with God’s Word, ***“6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” (Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV)*** **The same for us today; fear not, Jesus’ command for us is clear, *“19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20 KJV)*** **The whole world is ahead of us, so we are called to go and evangelize and win new disciples for Christ by teaching them the ways of the Lord and baptizing those who are willing to follow Christ in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

8. ***“1 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:” (Joshua 8:1 KJV)*** In the battle of Jericho God handed over the city victoriously to Joshua but one of them, Achan son of Carmi, had taken some of the devoted things and put under his tent. So God was angry with the Israelites. Therefore in their next battle against Ai God caused them at the first round be defeated before their enemies. But as Joshua was crying at the feet of the Lord the sin was revealed and Joshua dealt properly with the one who sinned. That act of Joshua to deal with sin pleased the Lord and once again caused the Lord to encourage Joshua and the Israelites to go and fight to capture the city of Ai. After the people of God cleansed the camp from sin God was pleased with them and brought them great victory. That brought further victories to the Israelites. Five more kings with their armies came to fight against them but the Lord assured Joshua, ***“8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.” (Joshua 10:8 KJV)*** Truly their armies were defeated and the five kings captured, and this what Joshua did to them, ***“22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.” (Joshua 10:22-25 KJV)*** **God’s Word is always reaching us on the right time to teach us, correct us, admonish us and to encourage us to do what is right and just in His eyes. We need to hear, *“Fear not”*, as we continue to serve Him and live our lives unto Him.**

9. ***“10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.” (Ruth 3:10-11 KJV)*** Ruth as we know had taken her firm decision after the death of her husband to stay with her mother in law; that she decided to go back with her mother in law to her God and to His people. When they reached their place in Bethlehem Ruth was able to find a work in the



field of Boaz the relative of her husband, and she gleaned the field after the harvesters. Her mother in law suggested to her to approach Boaz for marriage because he was her kinsman redeemer and that was the will of God at that time, that if a married man died without children his nearest brother or relative should marry his wife and the first child will be recorded under the name of the dead so his name will not disappear from the records. Ruth approached Boaz, and indeed he answered her, ***“fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.”*** Ruth was not after the man but after the will of God to be done so she can receive what was due for her. So she was not ashamed or shy to express her rights and God’s will to be fulfilled to others. **What we learn here is that we should not be intimidated, ashamed or afraid to express our needs and what is due to us in God’s will to others.** Even Christ on the cross to full the Scripture He asked for a drink when He said, ***“I thirst.” (John 19:28 KJV)*** **So we should be clear minded, *“fear not”*, and go forward to fulfill the Scripture, and request what is due to us to have.**

***10. “7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. 8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.” (1 King 17:7-16 KJV)*** That woman whom Elijah met was poor and she was out of food and at the edge of death. Elijah suggested to her to share her food with him, at first she was reluctant but Elijah told her, ***“Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.”*** She obeyed and God fulfilled what He promised and she received a continuous provision from the Lord. **The same for us; we need not to be afraid to share our food with the people of God who are in need. Do not share your food, time and money with friends and people who does not need help or do not deserve it by doing parties and involve in worldly celebration, *“12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:12-14 KJV)*** **So do not be afraid to share your time, money and effort to reach the lost and go and make new disciples and get involved in the mission’s work of God.**

***My dear and beloved:*** God’s word declares, ***“9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” (Joshua 1:9 KJV)*** God strengthened Joshua directly that He will be with him everywhere he goes. **\* In the same way, be not afraid God will neither leave us nor forsake us as a church and His disciples in our mission to serve Him. \* So be encouraged to face life’s events and trials because you are not alone, God is with you as well as fear not to obey God but be willing to obey His Word and fulfill His will and He will reward you.**

Let us pray . . . .

***My prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your encouraging Word to me and the clear way of life that you had set before me. Lord thank you for the teaching, the corrections and the admonishments that we received in this message.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your lack of faith and lack of trust in God. Repent of all your fears and worries. Renounce all the idols, the traditional and the religious practices that linked to your old life. Repent of your lust and immoralities and from the rest of the work of the flesh. Repent of your non willingness to suffer for Christ and go along His will and the plan that He has for you. Repent of your non willingness to commit yourself to do the good works that God had prepared for you to do. Repent being yoked with many friends and with the Media. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ .

Lord take all my fears away and help me to trust you and believe more in you, your Word, and in your real presence in my life. Lord I commit into your hand the following problem that you will solve it \_\_\_\_\_. Lord I commit my life to walk fully in your truth and in your ways so that your good plan for me will be fulfilled. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and had committed their lives to serve you and to do your will and the good works that you had prepared for them to do. Lord protect them and provide all their needs. Lord solve their problems and continue to guide them and encourage them so they will continue to serve you.

Lord help us as a church and guide us with your Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim your Word and your will to the people. Lord we commit to you the following problem that you will solve it \_\_\_\_\_. Lord lead us to help those who are in need and to encourage them with your Word. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make disciples and train workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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