

Fear Not Part 2

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 that we ought to achieve. We will continue in this message to study the Scriptures to be taught to get encouraged, revived and inspired with God's Word to go on and do His work and live our lives unto Him.

11. "15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." (2 Kings 6:15-17 KJV) An army was surrounding Elisha so his servant was afraid, but when God opened his eyes he saw the hill full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. "16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." In the same way, when you are surrounded by threats and enemy around you, "**Fear not**", "4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4 KJV) King David said "1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident." (Psalm 27:1-3 KJV) You don't need to be afraid, as long as you did not do something wrong, the Lord will fight the battle for you.

"4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." (Psalm 56:4 KJV) This should be your stand and your banner. Live in righteousness and holiness and that is how you do your part, trusting God that He will do His part and reward you for your conduct and the good decision and the steps that you took for His own glory.

One of the human weaknesses is fear. And if fear going to be rooted in the life of the person that fear will hinder him from progress and move to the next step that God wants him to do and to be. God's Word is a prescription and treatment for the fear of man and there is a particular message that can deal with each and every type of fear.

12. "22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler. 23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. 24 And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you." (2 Kings 25:22-24 KJV) The people of God were disciplined by the Lord because they left Him and went to worship idols of other gods. So the Lord sent them

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his army who came and destroyed Jerusalem and the temple and took the people of God into captivity to Babylon. That was God's discipline for them for their sin, to be under subjection and to serve the Babylonian. But they wanted to escape the discipline of God refusing to abide with His Word and command. So Gedaliah assured them by telling them the following: "**Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.**" The point that he made for them is clear, that it will go well with them if they will humble down and accept to serve the Babylonians. What is the application for that in your life is this: If you had done something wrong and sinned against the Lord then do not be afraid to accept God's discipline and apply in your life because if you do, it will go well with you and you will get relieved and restored. But if you refuse God's discipline, and rebel and retaliate against God then things will go worse with you. "4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." (Hebrews 12:4-13 KJV)

13. "20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. 21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment." (1 Chronicles 28:20-21 KJV) When David commissioned his son Solomon to be willing to start to build the temple of God, he assured him that the vision, the provision and the required personnel are there to help him to achieve the task therefore he told him, "**Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.**" The same for you, fear not to put your hand forward and do the works of God, the Lord is with you, will neither leave you nor forsake you until you finish the task, and the Lord had given you His vision and provided all what is needed and make available the required personnel. Serving God is one of the enjoyable things that man can involve with and enjoy it, and enjoy His life with God's service.

14. "15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook,

before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.” (2 Chronicles 20:15-17 KJV) Three large and vast armies came to attack Jehoshaphat king of Judah. He did not do anything wrong toward those people who came to attack him. Therefore to face them he called all Judah to come to seek God’s help with prayer and fasting. The Lord responded to their prayer and spoke in the mid of their meeting through one of the Levites, *“Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God’s.”* Wonderful is when God would speak and assure us as we pass through the hard and dark moments of our lives. God instructed them, *“17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.” (2 Chronicles 20:17 KJV)* Truly God did mighty things for them and delivered them from the three armies and gave them great and wonderful victory with big plunder. Certain times you are faced with problem from people. But you are afraid to go out and face. God wants you to have the courage and go out and take your position and face those people. You don’t need to fight them for God will do it for you, you need only to go out and show yourself to face those evil doers who are trying to harm you. God wants you to go and face them so you can see clearly with your eyes how God will deal with them, as well as to collect the big plunder that God is going to give you.

15. “1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. 4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: 5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. 6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. 7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, 8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. 9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. 10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. 11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. 12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you. 13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.” (Nehemiah 4:1-14 KJV) As Nehemiah and the people with him were doing and executing the vision of God to rebuild the wall around the city of Jerusalem to protect the

temple and the city of God from evil doers by not allowing them to dwell in Jerusalem, they were faced by opposition from different kinds of people who were against God and against His true people. They were trying to stop them from doing the works of God and achieving His will as we read in *Nehemiah 4*. But Nehemiah as a leader stood up and encouraged the people and reminded them that they needed to stand firm, and to step forward to defend and fight for their families, their sons and daughters, and their wives and homes by telling them, *“Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.” (Nehemiah 4:14 KJV)* The same message for us today, we are called to shelter and protect our families, wives, daughters and sons. God called us to protect them from the world and from the plans of evil. We are called to close the gaps that devil may pass through, and we need also to put gates that regulate our lives and shield us from the devil who uses people and circumstances around us to harm us. We don’t need to be intimidated, God is in our side. *“31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:31-39 KJV)* We should not be afraid and intimidated in living our lives to God. There are certain times God will fight for us and we just need to stand still. But in other times God wants us to step forward and do His works and He is the one behind backing us up. When He is asking us to step forward and do His work, then we should not be afraid because we have His full approval and His full support.

“1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” (Isaiah 43:1-2 KJV) Certain times we might need to pass through the waters and walk through the fire, God knows that and He is the One who ordained that for us therefore He is assuring us and encouraging us that we will not be harmed; He will not allow any harm to come to us. That is His promise to us: *“10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. 11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. 12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. 13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.” (Isaiah 41:10-13 KJV)* This should be your credit and the bonus that you receive from the Lord this very day to go on and serve Him.

My dear and beloved: The Psalmist said, *“105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. 106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. 107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. 108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments. 109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. 112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.”* (Psalm 119:105-112 KJV) This should be your stand and your banner. **Fear not, this is the encouraging message that we need from the LORD to go on and do the works of God that He entrusted to us and to live our lives unto Him. And that is another reason for us to read the Bible and to meditate on His Word because His Word is a source of an encouragement to us. In more occasions in the Bible God encouraged His people in order to enable them to carry on in living their lives to Him. These Scripture are God’s provision for us today to go on and serve Him.**

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 from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the encouraging Word that you sent me and had taken away my fears. Lord thank you for your encouraging Word that gives me assurance and confidence in you that you are faithful and you are standing at my side and you will do your part in full. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the corrections and the admonishments we received in this message.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your stubbornness and delay obedience. Repent of your pride and arrogance and your non willingness to response to God’s discipline. Repent of your lack of faith and lack of trust in God. Repent of all your fears and worries. Repent of your non willingness to go out with courage to do the instruction of God to you. Renounce all your compromises and the fear of man. 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 get persecuted for the cause of Christ. 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. Repent of your lack of reading God’s Word in the Bible and your lack of prayers. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to read and meditate daily on your Word and apply in my life. Lord speak to me daily and watch over the affairs of my life, and warn me if there is danger that I am not aware of and hide me with the shelter of your wings. Lord help me to commit my ways fully unto you, cooperating with you and doing your will. Lord I truly need you must in this moment of my life as I am passing through the following situation _____. Lord continue to encourage me and refresh me with your love, mercy and grace till I pass successfully through all that. Lord I thank you and praise you, this all I ask and pray 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 continue to watch over them, solve their problems, guide them, encourage them, protect them and provide all their needs so they will continue to serve you. Lord make their lives good testimony to others to follow you.

Lord bless us as your church, help us, guide us with your Holy Spirit, protect us and fight the battle for us. Lord deliver us from the following problem and those people who are fighting against us _____. Lord open our eyes to see you present with us. Lord deliver us from them and give us the plunder that you promised in your Word. We come against all kinds of fear and we rebuke that spirit of fear from Satan and cast it out from the life of our brethren and from the life of our church in the name of Jesus. 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 new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the Whole will of God.’ 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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