

## Sermon Notes

### *Fear or Faith - Psalm 91:4*

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#### I. Introduction

- a. lots of stuff going on that could cause panic and fear... as always, you have a choice... who are you going to listen to...  
Prov 4:23... “guard your heart... it determines the course of your life...”  
Prov 18:21... “words kill, give life... poison or fruit... you choose...”  
Isa 26:3 GSV... “you will keep the mind that is fixed on you in perfect *soundness, welfare, peace, safety, health, prosperity, contentment...*”  
John 10:10... “steal, kill, destroy... life, and life more abundantly...”  
Rom 8:1-11... “carnal mind is death... spiritual mind is life...”
- b. you get to choose to be in fear... or in faith... no one else makes that choice for you... determined by who you listen to... who you believe...  
Luke 12:4... “don’t fear those who kill body... can do nothing more...”  
Rom 8:15... “did not receive spirit of slavery to fall back into fear...”  
2Tim 1:7... “God has not given us a spirit of fear... but power, love...”  
Heb 2:14-15... “Son break power of death... set free those with fear...”
- c. fear comes from devil... faith comes from God (*partners with grace*)...  
Matt 17:20... “faith size of mustard seed... nothing impossible...”  
Mark 5:34... “your faith has saved you... go in peace and be healed...”  
Acts 3:16... “faith that comes thru Jesus... given him perfect health...”  
Rom 1... “encouraged by each other’s faith... righteous live by faith...”  
Rom 4:16... “promise by faith... according to grace... guarantee it...”  
Rom 10:14-17... “faith comes by hearing... message about Jesus...”  
2Cor 5:7... “we walk by faith... not by sight...”  
Gal 2:20... “live by the faith OF the Son of God...”  
  
**The ground of faith is not the sufficiency of the visible means for the performance of the promise... but the all-sufficiency of the invisible God, who will most surely do as He hath said. Charles Spurgeon**
- d. not here to give stats, opinion, medical advice... hear to tell you what God has said... results will come based on who you believe... *pray*...  
Exo 15:26... “I will not inflict any illness... I am the Lord who heals...”  
Psa 91:3... “He will rescue you from the destructive plague...”  
Psa 103:3... “He forgives all my sin... heals all my diseases...”  
Jer 33:6... “I will certainly bring health and healing... true peace...”  
Matt 8... “He healed all sick... He Himself carried our diseases...”

**The beginning of worry is the end of faith. The beginning of true faith is the end of worry. The greater the difficulty, the easier it is for faith. As long as human possibilities for success remain, faith cannot accomplish it. George Muller**

#### II. Fear or Faith

- e. Don’t Be Afraid  
our response... don’t fear what world fears... *fear not* 365 times...  
Isa 41... “do not fear, I’m with you... do not be afraid, I’m your God...”  
John 17... “not praying you take out of world... but protect from evil...”  
1Pet 3:14... “do not fear what they fear or be intimidated...”
- f. Remind Yourself of His Love  
fear doesn’t stand a chance when we stand in His love...  
Job 10:12... “you gave me life... faithful love... guarded my life...”  
Psa 6:4... “rescue me... save me because of your faithful love...”  
John 17... “may world see You love them as much as You love Me...”  
1John 4... “God is love... live thru Him... perfect love casts out fear...”
- g. Trust in His Faithfulness  
His faithfulness protects, not yours... kid held by dad, not other way...  
2Sam 22:3-4... “He is my shield, stronghold, refuge, savior...”  
Psa 23... “I will fear no evil... for You are with me...”  
Psa 91:4... “His faithfulness will be a protective shield...”  
2Thess 3:3... “the Lord is faithful... who will keep you from evil...”
- h. Rest in His Promises  
don’t go back and forth in fear and faith... *sit, remain, stay* strong in God’s promises... darkness now, *spend night* with God... it will pass...  
Psa 91:1... “live under protection of Most High...  dwell in Almighty...”  
Isa 33... “these will be times of security for you... now I will rise up...”  
2Cor 1:20... “all God’s promises *yes* in Christ... why we say *amen*...”  
Jam 1... “ask in faith, don’t doubt... doubter not receive anything...”
- i. Be Led by the Spirit  
won’t tell you what to do... *go to WM, don’t go to WM... go to movie, don’t go to movie*... be led by HS, not fear... faith, not foolishness...  
John 16:13... “Spirit of truth... will guide you into all truth...”  
Rom 8:14... “all being led by the Spirit... these are sons of God...”  
Gal 5:18... “if you are led by the Spirit... you are not under law...”  
Gal 5:25... “let us follow HS leading in every part of our lives...”
- j. Keep your Focus on Jesus  
focus on media, freak... focus on Jesus, peace... news off, worship on...  
Isa 26:3... “He will keep in perfect peace... the mind fixed on Jesus...”  
Phil 4:4-9... “fix thoughts on PERT PLAN... unsurpassable peace...”  
Heb 12:1-3... “keeping our eyes on Jesus... from start to finish...”
- k. Death has No Hold on You  
virus, darkness, evil will not reign... sin reigns in death, grace in life...  
Rom 5... “overflow of grace, gift of righteousness... reign in life...”  
Rom 7... “who will rescue me from death... Jesus Christ, our Lord...”  
1Cor 15... “death swallowed up in victory... thru Jesus Christ...”

## Believing is Receiving

Mark 5:28-29... *I shall be made well... she was healed in her body...*

You have heard people say... *I will believe it only when I see it.* Generally, that is the way the world thinks. But God's ways are not like the ways of the world. The world says... *If I can't feel it or see it, I cannot believe the miracle is here.* Yet, God says... *If you believe it before you feel it or see it... you will see your miracle.*

Believing first before seeing the evidence of what we are believing for is called faith. **Heb 11:1.** Faith is like a spark and Jesus is the dynamite power behind it.

In the story of the healing of the woman with the issue of blood... there were many people who touched Jesus, but nothing happened to them. They didn't touch Him in faith. But when the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years came to Him and touched him in faith... He felt power leave His body, and it sparked off an explosion of healing in her body. **Mark 5:28-30.**

Hearing about how good, kind and loving Jesus was fired her faith to believe that He could and **would** heal her. So convinced was she... that even when the condition in her body was still evident... she said... *If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.* **Mark 5:28.** Did she experience her healing first before she believed? No... she believed first in Jesus' goodness and power... acted in faith... and only then felt the healing in her body.

In the same way... God wants you to believe in His goodness and love toward you. He wants you to know how willing He is to act on your behalf to bless you... and how, with Christ... He will freely give you every good thing. **Rom 8:32.**

He wants you to declare by faith that all is and shall be well with you... and to expect to see just that. And then... no matter how long you have had the problem... no matter how bad the experts say it is... an explosion of healing and restoration will take place... and you will receive what you are believing for!!

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## Done as You have Believed

Matt 8:13... *as you have believed... let it be done for you...*

What are you expecting God to do for you today? Do you believe that God will respond according to your expectation? When Jairus, distraught at the sickness that was claiming his daughter's life, fell at Jesus' feet, he pleaded with Jesus to come personally to his house to lay His hands on his daughter so that she would be healed. **Mark 5:23.**

Do you know Jesus can heal at a distance? He didn't need to go to Jairus' house to heal his daughter. Still, Jesus went and didn't even scold Jairus for his little faith. He met Jairus' expectation and his daughter was raised from the dead. **Mark 5:41-42.**

Why do I say Jairus had little faith? Because there was a Roman centurion who came to Jesus about his servant suffering at home. He recognized the power Jesus had and asked only that Jesus *speak a word, and my servant will be healed.* **Matt 8:8.** Jesus told him... *Go your way, and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.* **Matt 8:13.** True to the centurions' expectation... his servant was healed at that same hour.

There is no particular level your faith must reach before God gives you what you're asking for. Your faith does not initiate God's giving. He has already given to you all things that pertain to life and godliness. **2Pet 1:3.** His blessings are pressing on you already!! Regardless of the level of faith you're at... He will respond. Jairus needed Jesus to go to his house to lay His hands on his daughter... and Jesus did. The centurion only needed Jesus to speak a word for his servant to be healed... and Jesus did. He met both their expectations.

Don't fix your eyes on how much or how little faith you have. Fix your eyes on the One who loves you... who has already given you what you need. When you come to Him... simply believe He is waiting to meet your expectations. Then you can hear Him say... *go your way... and as you have believed... let it be done for you.*

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