

Sermon Notes

Faith, not Fear - 1Pet 3:14

November 8, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. Star Trek, Wild Wild West, Bonanza, Andy Griffith... seen some episodes dozens of times... sermon is re-run... hope you don't mind hearing again...
Rom 5:17... "receive overflow of grace... exercise power and authority..."
Rom 10:14-17... "faith comes from hearing... hearing message about Christ..."
- b. bible tells us to remember (remind, don't forget) about 200 times...
1Chron 16... "remember wondrous works He has done... His promises..."
Prov 4:5... "get wisdom, get understanding... don't forget my words..."
John 14... "HS will remind you what I said... remember what I told you..."
Acts 20:35... "remember the words of our Lord Jesus..."
Rom 15:15... "I have written to remind you more boldly on some points..."
2Pet 1:12... "I will always remind you... even though you know them..."
- c. fear and panic or faith and peace... devil spreads fear, God spreads faith...
world produces panic, word produces peace... you get to choose... pray...
Job 3:25... "thing I feared has happened... what I dreaded has come true..."
Mark 4:40... "why are you so afraid... have you still no faith..."
Luke 12:4... "don't fear those who kill body... but can do nothing more..."
John 14:27... "peace I give is not of this world... do not be afraid..."
John 16:33... "I have told you... in Me you may have peace..."
Heb 2:14-15... "Son break power of death... set free those with fear..."

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. Faith, not Fear

- a. fear contaminates faith... understand two things... promises and power...
Exo 15:26... "I will not inflict any illness on you... I am the Lord who heals..."
Psa 91:3... "He will rescue you from the destructive plague..."
Psa 37:19... "even in famine they will have more than enough..."
Phil 4:19... "God will supply all your needs... in Christ Jesus..."
Deut 31:8... "do not be afraid... the Lord goes before you... never leave you..."
Isa 41:10... "do not fear, I am with you... I will strengthen and help you..."
- b. all God's promises are *yes and amen* in Christ... what power do you have...
Isa 54... "every tongue that rises against in judgment... you shall condemn..."
Matt 10... "gave them power... heal, cleanse, raise, cast out... receive, give..."
Luke 10:19... "give you power and authority over all ability of the enemy..."
1Cor 1:18... "message of the Cross... to us being saved, very power of God..."
Eph 3:20... "do exceedingly abundantly above... according to power in us..."
2Tim 1:7... "God has not given us fear... but power, love, sound mind..."
exousia/dunamis... strength, ability, permission; power, authority, right to rule; power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature (2Pet 1:4); power for performing miracles...

- c. Don't Be Afraid
don't fear what world fears... *fear not* 365 times... believe God or world...
Psa 34:4... "I sought the Lord, He answered... freed me from all my fears..."
Isa 43:1... "do not fear... I have redeemed you by name... you are mine..."
John 17... "don't pray to take you out of world... but protect you from evil..."
1Pet 3:14... "you're blessed... do not fear what they fear... or be intimidated..."
- d. Remind Yourself of His Love
how do you not be afraid... fear has no power WHEN we stand in His love...
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 4:7-19... "God is love... live thru Him... perfect love casts out fear..."
- e. Trust in His Faithfulness
not about your faithfulness... but His... child held by God...
2Sam 22:3-4... "He is my protection, shield, power, safety, refuge, savior..."
Psa 91:4... "His faithfulness will be a protective shield..."
2Thess 3:3... "the Lord is faithful... He will guard you from the evil one..."
- f. Rest in His Promises
fear and doubt prevent us from receiving... knowing promises helps us lack nothing... *sit, remain, stay strong*... darkness now, *spend night* with God...
Psa 91:1... "live under protection of Most High... dwell in Almighty..."
Isa 33... "these will be times (bad) of security for you... now I will rise up..."
Col 2:7... "established in faith... overflowing in it... with thanksgiving..."
Jam 1... "ask in faith, don't doubt... doubter will not receive anything..."
- g. Be Led by the Spirit
can't/won't tell you what to do... but HS will, IF you let Him...
John 16:13... "Spirit of truth... will guide you into all truth..."
Rom 8:14... "all being led by the Spirit... those are the sons of God..."
Gal 5... "if you are led by HS, not under law... follow HS in everything..."
Eph 5... "filled with HS... give thanks always... understand what to do..."
- h. Keep Your Focus on Jesus
focus on world, fear... exchange truth for lie... dark, confused, fool, panic...
focus on Jesus, faith... only words of Jesus bring true joy and peace...
Job 4... "fear gripped me... bones shook... perish, die without wisdom..."
Rom 1... "suppress truth... dark and confused, utter fool, every wickedness..."
Isa 26:3... "He will keep in perfect peace... the mind fixed on Jesus..."
Rom 10:14-17... "faith comes by hearing... hearing messages about Jesus..."
Phil 4:4-9... "fix thoughts on PERT PLAN... unsurpassable peace..."
- i. Death has No Hold on You
fear we all carry is not covid, flu, robbery, famine... its death... be fearless...
Christian never has to be afraid of death... victory, not loss... pray...
Psa 56... "what can man do to me... you rescued me from death..."
Psa 118:6... "the Lord is for me... I will not fear... what can man do to me..."
Rom 7:24... "who will free me from sin and death... answer is in Jesus..."
1Cor 15:54-57... "death is swallowed in victory... thru Jesus Christ..."
Phil 1:21... "to live is Christ... to die is gain (dying is even better)..."

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When You See God's Grace, He Sees Your Faith

Eph 2:8... *by grace you have been saved thru faith...*

I know God's promises are true, but how can I be sure His promises will come true in my life?

If you want God's promises to be sure in your life, you cannot depend on yourself. If you depend on yourself... your obedience, goodness, service and even faith... you will not be able to receive God's promises. But when you **depend on God's grace**... His unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor toward you... that is when **His promises become sure** in your life.

This was true of the woman with the issue of blood (Matt 9:20-22). She didn't go around saying... *I must have faith, I hope I have enough faith, I will have faith, I will not lose faith*. No, she was only **conscious of the grace of Jesus**... how He always healed the sick, how powerful He was in raising the dead and how willing He was to use that power for her healing.

She just saw His grace abounding toward her, so much so that she said, *If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well*. And when she came behind Jesus and touched the very hem of His garment, she was healed. At that same moment, Jesus stopped, turned around and said, *Be of good cheer, daughter, your faith has made you well*.

When the **woman saw His grace, God saw her faith**. And so it was by grace, thru faith, that God's promise became sure in her life.

God wants you to see His grace. And when you see His grace, He sees your faith. God says, *for by grace you are saved thru faith*. The Greek word for saved, *sozo*, doesn't just mean from hell, but also to heal, preserve, and make whole. So, it is by grace you are made whole, kept healthy, preserved and prospered. It is **by grace thru faith that God's promises become sure** in your life.

Don't worry if you feel that you lack faith. Begin to see God's grace in your situation and He will see that as faith. And because He sees your faith, you will receive the breakthrough you need.

Pastor Joseph Prince

Sermon Study

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1. Do you like **re-runs**? Which are your favorite? **Why** do you think people like them? Is it **necessary** to do sermon re-runs? Read **Prov 4:5... Acts 20:35... Rom 15:15... 2Pet 1:12**.
2. Is fear and panic... faith and peace... a **choice**? Explain. Read **Job 3:25... Mark 4:40... John 14:27; 16:33... Heb 2:14-15**.
3. *The beginning of worry is the end of faith. 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.* How do you **practically apply** that to difficult situations in life?
4. Read **Exo 15:26... Psalms 91:3... 37:19... Phil 4:19... Deut 31:8... Isa 41:10**. Why is it important to know **God's promises**? What has He **provided** to make those promises work? Read **Isa 54:17... Matt 10:1-8... Luke 10:19... 1Cor 1:18... Eph 3:20... 2Tim 1:7**.
5. List a few of the things we can do to **live life with faith**, not fear. Read **Psa 34:4... Isa 43:1... Psa 6:4... 1John 4:7-19... 2Sam 22:3... 2Thess 3:3... Psa 91:1... Isa 33... James 1:6-8... Rom 8:14... Gal 5:19-26... Rom 1:18-32... Isa 26:3... Phil 4:4-9... Psa 56... Rom 7:24... 1Cor 15:54-57... Phil 1:21**. How does that help?

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