



Way of the Eagle

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FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Faith is a magnet that draws God's provision to us; fear is faith in reverse that draws Satan to us.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), Being in readiness to punish every disobedience, when your own submission and obedience are fully secured and complete.” 2 Corinthians 10:4-6

A stronghold is a thought formation. We build strongholds in our thought processes. Satan wants to build demonic strongholds in our mind, while the Holy Spirit wants to build a divine fortress. Paul talks about destroying all these evil fortresses that are against God's Truth.

Statistics report that 40% of things that people fear are things that never happen, 30% of things people fear or worry about they can't change, 12% of worry is about health and 10% are miscellaneous worry, meaning that only 8% would be considered something for people to legitimately fear or worry about. So 92% of people's fears and worries are a stressful waste of time!

Philippians 4:6 says, “Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.”

So even the 8% of worries we need to give to God. He's big enough to handle our life. God tells us that we need to be at peace as He is working on our problems IF we'll let Him handle them! If we insist on worrying and being fearful then we show a lack of faith and we're letting evil strongholds form in our thoughts. These strongholds can adversely affect our lives.

In Psalm 61 David is telling his vows to God “Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed and fainting.” So here David's heart is full of fear. “Lead me to the rock that is higher than I [yes, a rock that is too high for me]. For You have been a shelter and a refuge for me, a strong tower against the adversary. I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever; let me find refuge and trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that] For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear, revere, and honor Your name. May You prolong the [true] King's life [adding days upon days], and may His years be to the last generation [of this world and the generations of the world to come]!”

If you want to be healed from fear follow these steps:

1. You have to be honest with God
2. Quiet yourself down; listen to his voice; receive revelation
3. Write down the revelation God gave you (journaling)
4. Praise, worship and thank God as He has already resolved your problem

Consider **Psalm 61** as God would answer you such as, "I have heard your vows, I will give you the inheritance, I will prolong your life from generation to generation".

Many people only do step one in desperation: Oh God please, please take care of this please, Amen. Those prayers don't accomplish very much.

Whatever you focus on grows within you, whatever grows within you, you become. So instead of focusing on fear which will grow within you more, focus on Jesus so that He will grow more within you. Don't focus on your weakness; look at the strength of Jesus that is so joined to you and in you, that is so powerful, nothing can stop you.

If you want to get darkness out of a room you don't kick the darkness out you bring the light in. So how do I turn the light of Jesus on inside of me? I do it by fixing my eyes on Jesus. By abiding in Jesus we turn the light on and we win the battle with habitual sin and fear in our lives.

In **1 Kings 18** we read that Elijah is a mighty prophet of God who hears the voice of God, has killed 450 false prophets of Baal, brought down fire from heaven, stopped a drought, and outran a chariot for 20 miles in one day. But when the evil queen Jezebel spoke an evil word of death saying that she would have him killed by next day, Elijah moved from faith to fear. Instead of taking a moment to spend time with God to listen to His voice, he let the negative words of Jezebel sink down into his heart which discouraged him with such fear that he ran and hid in a cave (**1 Kings 19**). Seems hard to imagine after what he just accomplished.

But God strengthened Elijah and encouraged him to move on. If you feel run down by circumstances and life, go rest in the presence of God just like In **Hebrews 4:3** "For we who have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on God) do enter that rest, in accordance with His declaration that those [who did not believe] should not enter when He said, As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest; and this He said although [His] works had been completed *and* prepared [and waiting for all who would believe] from the foundation of the world". Rest is healing. Fear, worry, and stress can weaken and destroy our body, soul and spirit.

We must rebuke, come against, hand over to God, seek His strategy and cast down evil thoughts, fears, worries and vain imaginations in order to walk in victory.

Jesus says, "Come to me and you will find rest" (**Mt. 11:28**). Outside of His voice and His protection there is fear. For how can man possibly handle the forces of life? He cannot. Only God can, so go to Him in your quiet time and walk with Him and He will guide you in every area of your life.