

FEAR



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PRAYER GUIDE - week 5

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DAY 25 - “BEGINNING OF WISDOM”

In this August devotion, we looked at the many ways fear confronts God’s people. There are many Christian’s that become victims of the Spirit of Fear. We have demonstrated ways that believers can turn the tables against the onslaught by bringing their fears to the feet of Christ.

Consider the following scripture from Proverbs...

“The starting point for acquiring wisdom is to be consumed with awe as you worship Yahweh.”

Proverbs 9:10a TPT

or **“The [reverent] fear of the LORD [that is, worshipping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence]”**. Proverbs 9:10a AMP.

Foundational to any relationship is love and respect. When you lose respect for someone, then the love that you have for them also tends to fade. We have various levels of respect. By showing the Lord the reverent respect or fear that he deserves, you are showing Him that He is your NUMBER 1. He is the first and the most important. When He is centred as the Lord of all, then our Fear will also have to take its place beneath His feet. Every decision, action, thought, and inspiration will be motivated by respect for Him. Worship of God and being in awe of Him breaks the hold of fear over us. When Fear is the priority then every

decision, action, thought, and inspiration will be motivated by Fear. Oswald Chambers says: “**The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else**”. When you are motivated by a healthy fear of God, you are going to make the best choices. When you are also inspired by Love for God, you cannot go wrong. It is respect for God that silences those fears in our hearts so we can have hearts of worship instead of hearts enslaved by the darkness of fear.

Jesus shows us that fearing God empowers us for greater service... In the Gospel of John 15:19-20 NLT, Jesus gives us an amazing key to rise above the forces of darkness that bind us by fear. He said “**I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.**”

To have the “Fear of the Lord” is to live your life by keeping your eyes on the Father to obey and love Him (just as Jesus did). Through our Father and in the name of His son Jesus, and by the empowering Holy Spirit – mountains will move.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a divine revelation of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to place in your heart a reverent awe of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you become more attentive to the Father. Ask the Holy Spirit to turn your heart from fear, towards worship of God instead.

The Bible teaches us about holy respect for God. Read:

Exodus 22:28; Exodus 20:20; Proverbs 16:6; Psalm 29:2; 1

Peter 2:17; Psalm 89:7; Zechariah 2:13.

PRAYER REQUEST – Mission: Asia 2000.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to you with great need as we ask you to help Mission: Asia 2000. You know and understand all the challenges they face right now after the loss of two key leaders to COVID-19.

We ask that you will come and comfort those who have lost loved ones. Help the organization to sort out the administration that can be tiresome.

We ask that you would assist with all the banking matters, administrational matters and legal matters to ensure the work can go on without delay. We pray for a harvest out of Asia like we have never seen before and we pray that the mission will share in the joy of that harvest.

In Jesus name, Amen



DAY 26 - “COURAGE FROM HEAVEN”

True courage is not something men and women can have unless God gives it to them. The world has its standards of courage but they fall far short of the courage God wants to give us. When we find ourselves in dangerous situations our body's fire out adrenalin – the adrenalin causes us to fight with blind courage for survival. When we talk about divine courage and boldness, we talk about something that is not blind or empowered by adrenalin. One excellent example in

the Bible is of King David. As a 15-year-old boy, David walked up to a Philistine war hero (and giant) by the name of Goliath. David challenged Him in one-on-one combat. He overcame the giant with a single stone. One boy under the

divine courage of God turned the entire war in Israel's favour & the Philistine army fled in terror that day. When

we turn to God for His courage we can rise above unimaginable situations. Psalm 18:31-36 NLT says **“For who is God except the LORD? Who but our God is a solid rock? God arms me with strength, and he makes my way perfect.**

He makes me as surefooted as a deer, enabling me to stand on mountain heights. He trains my hands for battle; he strengthens my arm to draw a bronze bow. You have given me your shield of victory. Your right hand supports me; your help has made me great. You have made a wide path for my feet to keep them from slipping.” This Psalm is

written by David who conquered Goliath at 15. He praises God for the divine courage given to him. If you have ever seen mountain deer or goats in Israel you will see the incredible courage these animals have to reach very high and dangerous mountain peaks. They are surefooted and find their way easily on the slippery rocks. David compares His experience with divine courage to the way mountain deer/goats bravely climb.

Jesus is a good example to us of divine courage...

Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is the source of His divine courage saying: **“the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me...”** Luke 4:18 NLT. This courage was exhibited extraordinarily as He took on the most hardened and inflexible religious system of the day.

The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.

If you need courage then don't despair. Ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you today and Baptize you with divine courage out of heaven! As the Father's children, we can enjoy all that Jesus had while He was on earth.

PRAYER REQUEST – EAR2HEAR & EVANGELISM

Dear Father, Give us the courage to declare your Kingdom, in the world. May Your Word, accompany signs and wonders so the world may see that You are the King.

In Jesus name, Amen!



DAY 27 - “BANISH THE STRONGMAN”

“Fear can become audible depending on how far the person is yielded to it and becomes very controlling that it will make the person do unspeakable harm to themselves... THE HOLY SPIRIT DRIVES AWAY ALL FEAR.”

By Sinach

In this devotion, we have identified the strongman as “The Spirit of Fear”. He is the source of many lies, doubt, anxiety and worry that we carry around with us as heavy burdens. If we give the strongman a foothold in our lives, he will gain legal access to binds us and keeps us captive by his clever tricks. Colossians 2:13-15 NLT says **“God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.”** We can turn to a far superior strongman – Jesus Christ, who has the power if we call on Him, to come into our hearts, to bind the strongman, and cast the Spirit of Fear out! The overwhelming victory of Jesus can disarm this wicked spirit. BUT we have to choose – do we want Jesus to rule within or do we want to continue living under the tyranny of the Spirit of Fear.

Jesus warns us to deal with the strongman...

In Luke 11: 21 – 23 TPT we are told that “**a strongman (the Spirit of Fear), with many weapons, guards his palace (your heart), his possessions are safe. But when one stronger (KING JESUS) than he comes to attack and overpower him (the Spirit of Fear), the stronger one (KING JESUS) will empty the arsenal in which he trusted. The conqueror (KING JESUS) will ransack his kingdom and distribute all the spoils of victory. Whoever is not on my(KING JESUS) side is against me, and whoever does not gather the spoils with me will be forever scattered.**” If we do not deal with the strongman/ the Spirit of Fear, then we will come under its influence e to the point where we will work against Jesus and be scattered. By inviting King Jesus into our lives, we are asking Him to conquer the strongman and take back what he has taken from us.

The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where the strongman (the Spirit of Fear) has been allowed to hurt and ruin you. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you receive the help of King Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to block all access that the Spirit of Fear may have in your life.

PRAISE GOD

Praise God with us for all who have recovered from COVID!



DAY 28 - “SURRENDER THE FEAR”

The Spirit of Fear may have been chased out your heart and your life... but he can leave an awful mess that may require some cleansing. This defiling spirit will leave his lies behind which acts as a stronghold. After the Spirit of Fear has been kicked out of his domain, the strongholds he leaves behind needs to be dismantled and taken apart. In Philippians 4:6-8

NLT we are instructed..."**Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.** And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise".

To surrender the lies that have inspired us with fear means we need to PRAY. Speak to God about everything. Every concern and every anxiety needs to be exposed and filtered by the Holy Spirit. If our fear is due to a lack or due to a need, then tell the Lord what you need and ask Him to provide for you. When you nurture your relationship with God and allow the Holy Spirit to open wide communication

channels with heaven, it will be harder for the Spirit of Fear to gain a future foothold in your life, and it will be difficult for him to slip a defiling lie within. The Holy Spirit will expose all the intruders' attempts to destroy you. When you work with God at this level – the peace of God will be your portion. It will be His divine peace that enters the deepest places of your bodies, souls and minds.

Jesus imparts His peace to us... Jesus asks a question in Matthew 6:27 NLT "**So, which one of you by worrying could add anything to your life?**" Jesus challenges us: Does worry, fear, concern or anxiety have supernatural powers to improve challenging situations? These things do not have the power to change or improve circumstances. BUT our God who loves us gives us His divine peace and provides divine solutions. Through HIM we will witness divine turnarounds that will give us victory. (See Matthew 6:25-33).

PRAYER REQUEST – BABY MINISTRY

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that you love all your creation. Even the unborn and the newborns are not forgotten by you. We ask that you will bless Ronelle Roux and the work she is doing among families to bless the unborn and the newborn. Please help her so that the workshop she is putting together will be finished. May it bless many around the world. In Jesus name, Amen.

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DAY 29 - “KEEP THE FEAR OUT”

You may have overcome the Spirit of Fear for now... but remember Satan will not rest till Jesus returns. He will continue using this Spirit of Fear to demoralize and suppress God's people if they are not vigilant. When the enemy tries to plant fear, worry, concern or anxiety through his various tricks and lies – you need to expel them out by humbly calling on the Lord for help. In 1 Peter 5:7 TPT you are instructed to **“Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you.”** Do not give any space for those worries, concerns, fear or anxiety to take root. Allow God to love you and keep you in His glorious freedom and divine peace. We are also encouraged by the Apostle Peter to be: **“sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour. But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.]”** 1 Peter 5:8-9 AMP. David the Psalmist encourages us not to let fear to overcome you. Even when circumstances take a bad turn... **“The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The**

LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.” Psalm 27:1-2 NLT

Jesus encourages His disciples very simply... In John 14: 1 NLT He says “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me”. When the enemy tries to seduce us with his fear tactics, we must make a choice.

Do we LET the enemy use his fear, anxiety, worry and concerns to TROUBLE us? Or do we embrace freedom by believing in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.
Ask the Holy Spirit to surround you with the Holy Fire of the Lord, so you may be shielded from the enemy’s schemes.
Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you vigilant and discerning.

PRAYER REQUEST – SEEDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly ask You to bless the amazing work of this organization. Please bless and favour Maria Dos Santos, as she pursues your heart for reconciliation and healing among the cultures and races of the world. In Jesus name, Amen.



DAY 30 - “MINISTERS OF FEAR”

Did you know that the enemy can deceive Christians into his service? The enemy knows how to manipulate people and if we are not careful, and without realizing it, we can become a voice for the Spirit of Fear. Isaiah 61:1 says “**The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news...**”. When the Spirit of God is upon us, we give voice to His will and agenda – and that means, we are anointed to bring good news, not news or messages of fear and despair. Today, too many Christians contribute to the growing propaganda machine when they share fear stories and news that ministers fear. We are called to speak God’s hope and power into situations. In the prophetic book of Isaiah, God speaks to us to... “**say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution, he will come to save you.”** Isaiah 35:4 NLT

This is so very different from the constant flood of messages of the “all hope is lost” or “conspiracy” crowd. How often have Christians quoted Proverbs 18:21 (NLT) “**The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences**”. Ministering fear will result in a harvest of fear from those who are listening. When we minister fear, what we say can be so negative and demoralizing to listeners, that it could tip them over the

edge into total depression and extremism. Each one will be held accountable for what they minister. Remember that ministering correction and even reproofing others should produce “fruit of repentance” in the hearer. Ministering fear will only produce poison fruits. If you’re preaching or your words produce fear and despair for the future then you should rather be quiet and look to God to change the core message you are sharing with others, so that it is in line with God’s heart. The Apostle Paul often addressed and ended his letters to various Churches with words of comfort, peace and grace. Exhorting and guiding believers to walk with Jesus. Let us learn from that example.

Jesus equips His true ministers with peace...

In the Gospel according to John 20:21-22 NLT Jesus addresses His disciples saying **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”** Then he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.”** Jesus breathes upon us and gives us the Holy Spirit. In doing this we can receive His peace and impart His peace towards others as well.

The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally. Ask the Lord Jesus to blow upon us the breath of God to receive the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to impart His peace upon us. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us impart His

supernatural peace to others. Ask the Spirit to show you where you are or have been ministering fear instead of peace, ask Him to help you reverse the damage done by your words.

What happens if the enemy is planning our destruction? How many times in the Bible has God not turned the tables on the enemies of His children? Do not be preoccupied with the enemy. Rather be concerned with what the Lord of heaven and earth is doing next. Psalms 46:1- 11 TPT says

“God, you’re such a safe and powerful place to find refuge!

You’re a proven help in time of trouble— more than enough and always available whenever I need you.

So we will never fear even if every structure of support were to crumble away. We will not fear even when the earth quakes and shakes, moving mountains and casting them into the sea. For the raging roar of stormy winds and crashing waves cannot erode our faith in you. (Pause in his presence). God has a constantly flowing river whose sparkling streams bring joy and delight to his people. His river flows right through the city of God Most High, into his holy dwelling places. God is in the midst of his city, secure and never shaken. At daybreak his help will be seen with the appearing of the dawn. When the nations are in uproar with their tottering kingdoms, God simply raises his voice, and the earth begins to disintegrate

before him. Here he comes! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us! (Pause in his presence) Everyone look! Come and see the breathtaking wonders of our God. For he brings both ruin and revival. He's the one who makes conflicts end throughout the earth, breaking and burning every weapon of war. Surrender your anxiety.

Be still and realize that I am God. I am God above all the nations, and I am exalted throughout the whole earth. Here he stands! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us! (Pause in his presence)."

PRAYER REQUEST – SPECIAL PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUAL / INDEPENDENT MISSIONARIES/MINISTERS.

Dear Heavenly Father, We pray for the following awesome people: **Jeanne De Winnaar, Carol Lindeque, Judith Mahlangu, Marietjie Yssel, Bianca Le roux, Rosli Strydom, Gidea Lotter, Rita Rudolf.** These are Your children, who carry within their hearts, a flame for Your glorious Kingdom. We ask that You would bless them with Your provision and favour as they seek to serve You. Please protect them and guide them by Your Holy Spirit and give them power and grace to grow in Your might. In Jesus name, Amen.



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DAY 31 - “A WARNING!”

It is the final day of this devotion. Isaiah 41:10 TPT tells us **“Do not yield to fear, for I am always near. Never turn your gaze from me, for I am your faithful God. I will infuse you with my strength and help you in every situation. I will hold you firmly with my victorious right hand”**. It is clear God working to bring us into victorious life in Christ. He does this by teaching us to keep our eyes fixed on Him – and as we do this – divine strength and courage become ours for the situations we face.

BUT

It happens that people do yield or give in to their fears, anxieties, worries and concerns. It happens that after all the work God does for us, people refuse to let go of these traps of Satan. If after all that God has offered us we still choose to hold to our fear, anxiety, concern and worry that the Spirit of Fear instils, then Be warned, this could be construed as disobedience!!!! The Bible has a serious warning that you should heed and pray about...

“the fearful, and unbelieving... ...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”. Revelation18:8 KJV

It is that simple. If we refuse to release all our fears of all shapes and forms, then we are not living a victorious life. We are living a life that is ruled by the Spirit of Fear.

Jesus warns His disciples about divided loyalty...

Jesus gives very clear instruction to his disciples saying:
“How could you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.” Matthew 6:24 TPT

This is the problem whenever you are enslaved by habits, addictions or if you are ruled by spirits – you will always struggle to give your full commitment to God. The Apostle Peter tells us in 2 Peter 2:19b NLT that **“you are a slave to whatever controls you.”**

The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you have become complacent or lukewarm about issues such as fear. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you where you need to surrender and repent to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the dangers of allowing the Spirit of Fear to have a foothold in your life.

PRAYER REQUEST – EAR2HEAR - PRAYER NETWORK.

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for the awesome labourers who are praying all around the world for the work of Your Kingdom. Please bless them & honour their prayers. Please send us more labourers for the harvest. We pray for unity in prayer in the body of Christ. We pray for ears that hear the Holy Spirit so we can pray according to Your will!

In Jesus name, Amen

Our thanks to you for your prayer support during this month of prayer.
May God bless you in all your endeavours!

How can we pray for you?

**“Teach a wise man what is right
and he’ll grow even wiser.
Instruct the lovers of God
and they’ll learn even more.”**

Proverbs 9:9 TPT



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