

BRIDLING THE HORSE OF FEAR

PART THREE

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Faith can turn the desert into the streams of living water—calm the troubled seas—remove the mountains of impossibilities. Faith can overcome the world. Have FAITH in God and FEAR NOT, FEAR NOT, FEAR NOT! Why do Christians struggle so with increasing our faith? Why is it such a battle between walking in faith and overcoming fear? God say perfect love casts out all fear—His perfect love.

Fear drives men to their deaths. The man who constantly has his finger on his pulse, who lives his life in fear is the man that is going to die prematurely. Fear can cause you to die years before your time. Fear will flat wear you out! It will keep you in a place of stress. Stress works against you in body, mind and soul if you do not learn to rest in the Father and keep your faith stirred up and walk therein.

WHAT IS AMERICA’S GREATEST FEAR? It is not God! If that was true, we would be in a national revival throughout the nation. We don’t fear God. We don’t even respect God. American’s greatest fear is not Satan. Satanism is the fastest growing cult in America. You will not find the Holy Bible in American’s universities, but you will find a satanic bible there. **America’s greatest fear is the FEAR OF MAN!** Proverbs 29:25 – *the fear of man brings a snare, which is a trap, but whosoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.* Man brings a trap. Think about how we let the fear of man drive us. We start smoking, lying, cheating, or drinking out of the fear of man. We fear not fitting in, fear of rejection by our peers. We want to be accepted by them. We turn to worldly ways (even though we know better)—the trap is laid—we step into it and we are caught as the trap snaps shut holding us in bondage. Sadly for many Christians, the Holy Spirit warns us of the traps. He often shows us how to avoid them; tries to redirect our steps, yet we chose to ignore His warnings and the final results— we will pay the consequences for our actions. We don’t listen or obey out of fear of man. I believe this grieves the Father’s heart greatly; it is not His heart for His children.

Why can’t you witness for Christ? You are afraid that people might think you are a little strange. They might get the idea that you’re a bible thumping Christians and you might even be dangerous. Sadly enough, some people do believe such falsehoods. They think the Bible believing Christians are the Christians the devil warned you about.

Why don’t you witness for Christ? You are afraid of other people—afraid of being infected by what the world has and Church we had better wake up and realize that we are supposed to be infecting the world with what we have—the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus is the Lord of your life, you are not afraid. If you are going to be a warrior in God’s army, you need to read the Word of God until its spirit infects

you; be bold as a lion, look the ungodly in the eye and say, *I belong to the redeemed of Christ and we don't do compromising. We are at war with the flesh and the devil and we are here to win.* So get off your blessed assurance and go out into the world and make a difference—be a witness for Jesus—anywhere and everywhere.

God speaks to a person by His Holy Spirit—to man's recreated human spirit; in turn the human spirit directs the mind, will and emotions toward the things of God. I remember when my son, Randy was in the Air Force and we would talk about his experiences. I saw that just as the chain of command works in the service, so should the chain of command operate in a believer's life. The Armed Forces moves coordinated as the *private* takes orders from the *sergeant* and so on up the line to the *commander-in-chief*. We Christian serve under the best *commander-in-chief*. He is always on the job and ever available when He is needed, no matter the time, place or situation. Jesus is our great *command-in-chief*.

We need to care less about what people think and we need to care only about what God the Father in heaven thinks. Man is not my judge, God is. Fear can rob you of your spiritual inheritance. Remember that only Caleb and Joshua were allowed into the Promised Land because they believed and had faith to take the land. God was their strength. But the rest of the Israelites received and walked in fear and they died in the wilderness. When you are driven by fear, you have rejected the Word of God and the person of Jesus Christ. Church hear me—today or tomorrow—you are going to answer unto God. Let it not be a day of fear, but let it be a joyous day. We need to lift holy hands in His presence and worship Him as the King of glory. Don't be guilty of saying, *But not me—Why—What would people think?* Who cares what they think! Don't be a man pleaser, but rather a God pleaser. Give the Lord praise worthy of His majestic name. He is the King of Israel—the Holy Anointed One. To walk in God's blessings versus the dire consequences of our choices/our actions is a no brainer in my book!

Conqueror the spirit of fear. Let your faith be stirred and believe the Father's promises. Claim His promises and walk in them. They are absolutely true. You are His child and He wants only the good things for you. Don't let fear steal them away. Believe what His book says you have, believe who He says you are in Christ, and do what His book says you can do, for nothing is impossible with God.

Make the right decisions—become God-possessed. Speak God's Word and agree with God. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord* Colossians 3:16.

Purpose to preach the WORD and speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4: 14, 15 and see 2 Timothy 4:2)

Even a four-year-old can be a testimony unto God. read *Monsters in the House* on the Devotional Page.