

Consumed by Fear

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I don't have to fear...because God is faithful!

- The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you....I will bless you...." So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed.... *Genesis chapter 12 verses 1, 2 & 4 (10)*
- Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great."
Genesis chapter 15 verse 1 (12)
- ***Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful.***
1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verses 23 & 24 (907)

I don't have to fear...because God hears me!

- When the water was gone, Hagar put the boy in the shade of a bush. Then she went and sat down by herself about a hundred yards away. "I don't want to watch the boy die," she said, as she burst into tears. *Genesis chapter 21 verses 15 & 16 (16)*
- But God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, "Hagar, what's wrong? Do not be afraid! God has heard the boy crying as he lies there."
...Then God opened Hagar's eyes, and she saw a well full of water.
Genesis chapter 21 verses 17 - 19 (16)
- ***Because God bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!***
Psalms 116 verse 2 (467)

I don't have to fear...because with God, I can _____!

- Look! God has placed the land in front of you. Go and occupy it as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Don't be afraid! Don't be discouraged!
Deuteronomy chapter 1 verse 21 (139)
- Don't be shocked or afraid of them! The Lord your God is going ahead of you. He will fight for you, just as you saw Him do in Egypt. And you saw how the Lord your God cared for you all along the way.... *Deuteronomy chapter 1 verses 29 - 31 (140)*
- But even after all He did, you refused to trust the Lord your God....
Deuteronomy chapter 1 verse 32 (140)
- Normally it takes only eleven days to travel from Mount Sinai to Kadesh-barnea...but forty years after the Israelites left Egypt... *Deuteronomy chapter 1 verses 2 & 3 (139)*
- ***I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.***
Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 (901)

I don't have to fear...because God forgives me!

- “Don't be afraid,” Samuel reassured them. “You have certainly done wrong, but make sure now that you worship the Lord with all your heart, and don't turn your back on Him. Don't go back to worshipping worthless idols that cannot help or rescue you - they are totally useless!” *1 Samuel chapter 12 verse 20 & 21 (219)*
- ***If we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John chapter 1 verse 9 (941)***

I don't have to fear...because God is awesome!

- When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. “Oh, sir, what will we do now?” the young man cried to Elisha. “Don't be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” *2 Kings chapter 6 verses 15 & 16 (287)*
- Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!” The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire. *2 Kings chapter 6 verse 17 (287)*
- ***Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle. Psalm 24 verse 8 (424)***

I don't have to fear...because God is in control!

- Listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the One who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are Mine.
- When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.
- For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ...I love you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”
Isaiah chapter 43 verses 1 - 5 (550)
- ***In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation. 1 Peter chapter 5 verse 10 (937)***

More - Spend some time studying these other “Do not be afraid” verses:

- Deuteronomy 20:1-4
- 1 Chronicles 28:20
- Isaiah 41:11 - 14
- Luke 2:8 - 12 (*Merry Christmas!*)
- Luke 12:29 - 32
- Revelation 1:17 & 18

Next Weekend: Consumed by Discontentment