

WORD OF THE DAY



WORD OF THE DAY (Isaiah 41:10)

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Fear Not



We all Fear. Fear is a condition that we all have found ourselves in before. Some may even be feeling some type of fear as they read this message today. Children fear the dark. Criminals on the run will fear the police, and children who have misbehaved may fear the discipline of their parents. Fear relates to a sense of terror, anxiety, or a deep unsettling awareness of a present or future threat to one's well-being, or the well-being of another (person or thing).

Fear and Self. Who are those who do not fear? If we think about it, the one who is less inclined to fear, is often the one who has confidence in themselves or their ability to control a situation. For example, a large man who is approached by a little barking dog, may show little to no fear at the presence of the dog, because this man has confidence in his strength over that dog. While a little boy who is approached by a large German Shepherd, may exhibit great fear, because the boy does not have confidence in his strength in relation to the strength of the dog. Therefore fear is often, if not always, related to our focus on ourselves and our ability to overcome a challenge, conflict, or circumstance.

Fear Not. Given the fact that we are all very limited in our ability to protect ourselves and control your environment, why are we told in the verse of the day to "Fear not"? God tells us to fear not because He states, "*I am your God*". God continues and tells us "*I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand*." The only Christian who needs to fear, is the Christian who desires to fight their own battles apart from God. However, God tells us to fear not, because we can do extraordinary things when we let God handle our problems. This looks like having faith in God's WORD, so that faith replaces fear.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"There are no extraordinary people, there are only those who have determined to believe the word of an extraordinary God."

-Pastor Anthony Carter (East Point Church, GA)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for being greater than all of my problems. Help me to not be fearful of all that is happening around me. Help me to be focused on you and your WORD so that my fear will be replaced with faith. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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