



Freedom in the Word

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FEAR HAS TORMENT

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1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment.

The devil is either the initiator of fear, or will always piggy back on negative circumstances to try and torment our thought life. The sad news is that he sometimes succeeds because that is his job description, (John 8:44) and some of us lack knowledge. (Hosea 4:6) One acrostic for fear is False Evidence Appearing Real. At the bottom of the pile of every negative emotion (like anger) we usually find fear.

Fear comes in different shapes and sizes.....physical harm, getting robbed, worry, and stress from pressure to perform on our jobs. It's been said that 40% of what we are worrying about right now will never come to pass. This is the perfect example of letting fear torment us. We must have a plan for fear when it knocks on our heart's door. The enemy of fear is faith. The enemy of faith is fear. Ed Cole said, "Fear is believing that what you can't see will come to pass. Faith is believing that what you can't see will come to pass. Faith attracts the positive. Fear attracts the negative." *Job 3:25 - "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."*

1 Timothy 6:12 says to fight the good fight of faith. You can't have a victory without a battle. When fear manifests we combat it with God's Word like 2 Corinthians 5:7, "We walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. When fear knocks we want faith to open the door holding a sharp two-edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12)

To eliminate the torment of fear we must run to (not from) the Place of Security which is the prayer closet of Matthew 6:6, the strong tower in the name of the Lord, (Proverbs 18:10) and the place of refuge in Psalm 9:9. We want to run to the Place of Power which is agreement in prayer, (Matthew 18:19) and knowing that two are more powerful than one when they agree in unity. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10) (Amos 3:3) We want to run to the Place of Warfare which is fighting the good fight of faith. (1 Timothy 6:12) Taking the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:16-17) to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 2:3)

Fear can't torment a man with a plan who has a sharp sword in his hand and makes a stand!

HANG UP AND PRAY

Katie Brigmon

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

After the US Airways plane went down in the Hudson River in New York City a passenger was telling a news anchor how she was on the phone as the plane was going down. The stranger in the seat next to her told her to hang up and pray...and she did. The stranger was insisting that she move her focus from the person on the line to God - their deliverer.

I made a note of that interview in a Bible Study that I was doing that day. I felt God prompting me to turn my focus away from the distractions of my life to Him. At no other time in history have we been able to be so plugged into so many voices. We can call a friend to see what they think, we can hear someone on the radio tell us what they think, and through TV we can hear one personality after another tell us what we should all be thinking.

I think one reason the county jail is a location for a lot of soul searching is that for the first time the outside voices are shut out. A person is quiet enough and desperate enough to hear God speak.

Father, Your Word says in Psalm 46:10 to be still and know that You are God. You also want us to seek first the kingdom of God (Matt 6:33). Help me to look to you BEFORE I seek all other counsel. In Jesus' name, amen.

MINISTRY FOR MAY:

- Crain Units (3)..... May 2
- Bartlett Unit..... May 3, 6, 10, 17, 20, 24
- NE COPE Conference May 5 - 7
- Travis Unit..... May 3, 10, 17, 24
- Lockhart Unit (Women)..... May 9
- Halbert Unit..... May 13
- Bastrop FCI May 16

One on One county jail visits

Prison Diaries

When we sat down to watch the Easter Drama the people behind us asked us how the prison ministry was going. The man in front of us was visiting from Gatesville. He asked, "What units do you go to in Gatesville?"

Long story short we told him that we go to most of the 11 units there but there's a unit there that we've been trying to get back in but we keep missing the Chaplain. "Well, I'm having lunch with him tomorrow, I'll let him know. God is so faithful. Only He can set up these divine appointments.

We not only reached the Chaplain but we've already been to the unit to minister to the women there.

Pray the word

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Insecurity is the result of expecting from people or things what only God can give.
-Gothard

**Without God our week would be:
"Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday,
Thirstday, Fightday, Shatterday."**
- Unknown

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, Murray Unit, Eastham Unit, Mountain View Unit, Travis Unit, Bryan FPC, and Bastrop FCI as well as county jail visits.

Mail Bag

Dear Ron and Katie- The impact you have had in my life has been such a blessing. You know I met you and Ron at Travis Sate Jail about 18 months ago though I only spent 4 months there. Those four months really enriched my life. I can't thank you enough for helping me with half-way house placement there in Austin. J.J.

Dear Ron & Katie: Thank y'all for coming to Murray on Easter Sunday. I have to let you know how touched I was by the service today. The music was awesome! We loved it. Katie- when you started speaking about broken relationships my heart stopped. Two days ago I received pictures of my son & a letter from his step mom. I haven't seen or heard from him in 14 years. My relationship is not fixed yet but the Lord is paving the way & I know it! I felt like I had to let you know this. Thank you so much. E.C.

Dear Bro. Ron & Sis. Katie: I know God has redeemed me from my backsliding (Jer. 3:22 Return you backsliding children and I will heal your backsliding). God is healing me. Right now God knows my heart. Bro. Ron I'm so thankful God brought me back out of that pit I was falling into and He put me back on that Rock amen! He brought you and Ms. Katie back in my life. My family is standing behind me once again and it's only by the love and Grace of God, amen! I know in my heart I can never walk away from Him again. R.R.

Hello Ron & Katie, Just wanted to say hello, and that God just keeps pouring out His love to us. I am a very happy man and feel complete now with my little girl being born. You used to minister to me in Texas. I prayed to God for a family and He has given me that. I love you both for all you do. Do you still go to Travis? God bless you both. I.A.

**MATTHEW 25:36
TEAM MEMBER**

...I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME...