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NO FEAR

Throughout the scriptures we hear the words ***“Do not Fear or Fear Not.”*** Jesus spoke these words and angels spoke these words. God told Joshua to not fear. Prophets were told not to fear. It seems that fear is something that each of us is challenged with.

Many fear they may get the plague that is all over the world and fear they may die. Many fear that their children will not turn to God and die without salvation. I have heard many people say for years, well this is the time of year that I always get the flu. They expect terrible things to happen to them and dwell on it instead of God’s promises, thus they do nothing to prevent the terrible things from coming.

Is there a way to live life without fear? In I John 4:18 it gives us some understanding, it says, ***“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”*** The amplified version reads: ***“There is no fear in love (dread does not exist), but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and (so) he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love (is not yet grown into love’s complete perfection).”***

Love is what changes fear to faith. In Isaiah 26:3 it says, ***“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”*** Many misquote this passage and leave the last part out. Perfect peace comes from trusting God enough to believe He will take care of any situation because of His love. Perfect love is mature love that trusts God despite the circumstances, thus eliminating fear.

Have you arrived at that place yet? If not, spend time reading God’s love letter to you, the bible so that you can build your faith up. Also, we build ourselves up in the love of God (which drives out fear) by praying in tongues. (Jude 20-21.) God does not want you to live in fear my friends. Rise up out of that pit of fear and decide to conquer that fear with God’s perfect love.