

FAITH BUILDERS

with Philip & Michelle Steele



Dear Partners and Friends,

We are entering a time in our lives where living by the Word will be the key to our victory. The Bible continually reminds us, “The just shall live by faith.” (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). We are admonished in Hebrews 2:1, “...to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard...” Jesus Himself declared, “...That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4).

One of the things that the Lord spoke to us in the prophetic word that I shared with you last month was that we would “go to and hold ourselves” to a higher standard of the Word of God. I believe this is the precursor to the increase of God’s favor and His light we are going to experience. The more we choose to walk in and conduct our lives in line with His Word, the more He can shine His light and demonstrate His favor in our lives.

Developing ourselves in His Word involves more than just a list of “dos or don’ts”. Living by the Word includes casting down and refusing the cares of the world. It includes living in a flow of righteousness, peace, and joy. Our love walk is a major part. Our ability to take every thought captive is a major part. Each of these is an element of living by the Word.

One of the most fundamental aspects to living by the Word is learning to completely resist fear. I am talking about resisting it in every form including anxiety, worry, and carrying cares. Resisting all fear is a component that must be mastered in the life of every believer!

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Isaiah 54:14

As a New Testament believer, you and I are to be established, settled, and stable in our position in Christ Jesus. He is the Vine. We are the branches. In our connection, there is stability that should affect every area of our life. The result of this firm foundation of knowing who we are in Him, what is ours in Him, and how to deal with life from this position is that we will be able to keep all oppression from getting near to us. Why? It is because we will not fear. People established in their right relationship with the Creator of the Universe have nothing to fear! In Romans 8:31, we have this declaration, “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

In Job 3, we find insight as to why Job’s life came under such an attack. He feared. Verse 25 says that Job “greatly feared.” You could say he was highly developed in fear. The condition of his heart was one of turmoil, worry, and unrest. Look at his testimony.

Resist All Fear

“I am not at ease, nor am I quiet,
And I am not at rest, and yet trouble still comes [upon me]. Job 3:26

Remember what we read in Isaiah 54:14? You will be far from oppression because you will not fear. Job was full of fear. His heart was overburdened with the cares of what would happen to his children. There was no faith in operation because his heart was abundant in dread. Just like “faith is the substance of things hoped for...”, fear is the substance of things you dread. It is faith operating in reverse!

I challenge you to inspect every thought that tries to make you uneasy, fretful, or worried. Open your mouth and declare what the Word of God says in the face of that fear. Don’t allow any dread to go unanswered. Do not permit any uneasy feeling or subconscious fretting to have activity in your heart.

Jesus Himself warned us, “Therefore I tell you, stop being worried *or* anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted) about your life...(Matthew 6:25 AMP). If He told us to stop it, we can stop it! Your obedience in this area will yield some of the greatest results you have ever known in your life!

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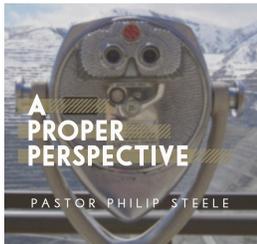
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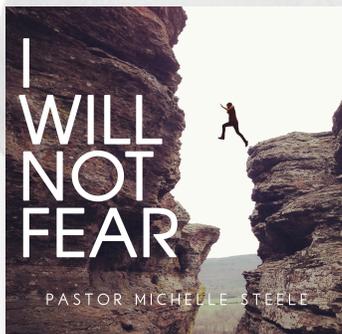
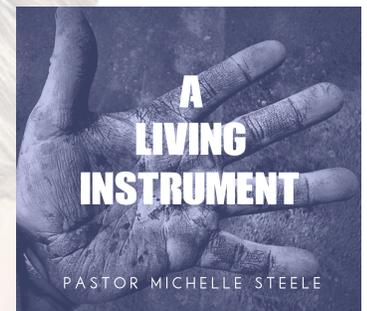
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