

A wooden suspension bridge made of logs and planks, stretching across a deep forest stream. The bridge is constructed from natural materials, with logs forming the railings and planks forming the walkway. The surrounding forest is dense with green trees and foliage, creating a serene and somewhat mysterious atmosphere. The bridge leads the viewer's eye from the foreground into the distance, where it disappears into the trees.

How to Handle Fear

Are You Infected by Fear?

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Needless Fear

Isaiah 51:12-13

Lesson One

The Four Missiles of Fear

Lesson Two

“Fear wears many faces”

**“Fear is the knot in the pit of
your stomach that makes you
wish you could just disappear.”**

**Words related to fear includes;
afraid, terror, dread, anxious,
tremble, shake, and quake**

How to Respond to Fear

Lesson Three

**Behold, I send you out as
sheep in the midst of wolves.
Therefore, be wise as serpents
and harmless as doves.**

Matthew 10:16 (NKJV)

Matthew 10:26-33

Scripture Lesson

Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known. “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin?
And not one of them falls to the ground apart
from your Father's will. But the very hairs of
your head are all numbered. Do not fear;
therefore, you are of more value than many
sparrows. "Therefore whoever confesses Me
before men, him I will also confess before My
Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies
Me before men, him I will also deny before My
Father who is in heaven.**

Matthew 10:26-33 (NKJV)

Three Gentle Exhortations Regarding Evangelism:

1. DO NOT FEAR PERSECUTION

Light Conquers Darkness

**With fearless love for Christ and
compassionate love for the lost, we
must let our light shine before
people.**

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

**The only thing that will overcome and
defeat the darkness of the world's lies
is the light of the gospel of Jesus
Christ.**

“Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

Matthew 10:27 (NKJV)

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:3-6 (NKJV)

Persecution will come from four areas:

- 1. Religion – you will be arrested and tried and whipped in the synagogues (Matthew 10:17).**
- 2. Government – you will stand trial before governors and kings for My sake (Matthew 10:18).**
- 3. Family – there will be family chaos and betrayal (Matthew 10:21).**
- 4. Society – everyone shall hate you because you belong to me (Matthew 10:22).**

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

Matthew 10:24-25

**Beelzebub, a heathen deity, lord
over all that flies, any demon or
evil spirit, a name associated with
the devil**

**Behold, I send you out as
sheep in the midst of wolves.**

**Therefore, be wise as
serpents and harmless as
doves.**

Matthew 10:16

2. DO NOT FEAR PEOPLE

Life Conquers Death

**And do not fear those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul; but
rather fear Him who is able to destroy
both soul and body in hell.**

Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

**The One to be feared is not the
created being, but the Creator.**

**“The worst men can do does
not match the worst God can
do.”**

3. DO NOT FEAR THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Love Conquers All

**Therefore, do not fear; you are
of more value than many
sparrows.**

Matthew 10:31

Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Worry

**WHEN THE STORM COMES, HOW DO
YOU RESPOND?
FEAR OR FAITH?**

Mark 4:35-41

On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?” And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

**The great paralysis of our
heart is unbelief.**

Oswald Chambers

Three Reasons the Disciples Should Have Responded in Faith and Not Fear

**1. They had HIS PROMISE that they
were going to the other side.**

Mark 4:35

**2. They had His PRESENCE,
the Lord Himself was with
them.**

Mark 4:38

**3. They had HIS POWER; He
arose and rebuke the wind and
spoke to the sea.**

Mark 4:38

**I will both lay me down in
peace, and sleep, for Thou,
Lord, only makes me dwell in
safety.**

Psalms 4:8

"Lord Don't You Care?"

**Our greatest problems are
within us, not around us.**

**O LORD God of hosts, Who is
mighty like You, O LORD? Your
faithfulness also surrounds You.
You rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still
them.**

Psalms 89:8-9 (NKJV)

**Faith and fear cannot dwell
together in the same heart.**

**Sometimes the Lord calms the
storm. Sometimes He lets the
storm rage and calms His child.**