**FEAR NOT**

**THERE IS PEACE IN JESUS!**

**HE WILL MANIFEST HIMSELF IN TIME OF TROUBLE**

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**John 14:21** (Jesus said) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will **manifest** myself to him. (Manifest means to reveal. I will make myself known to you. I will reveal my Love and Mercy, my Grace and Power to you if you will Love and serve me and keep my Word!)

O to know Him more! To be acquainted with His ways – to know the very person of God our Father! If you will serve Him, pray and sincerely ask Him to guide and keep you, He will Reveal Himself to you all through your life in ways you could never imagine. How many of you really want Him to reveal Himself to you in times of trouble? Jesus said in **John 14:1**- Let not your Heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. **Vs, 27** – Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**John 16:33** – These things I have spoken unto you,

that in me ye might have Peace! In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

**WE ARE BEING BOMBARDED**

We are constantly being bombarded with bad news. We constantly see and hear of the evil and the bad till our senses are soaked with it. We live in a pressurized age – stress is at an all-time high. This is the Perilous times the Holy Ghost warned would come in the last days. People are having mental break-downs everywhere. Their hearts are failing them, their spirits are giving out. It’s not like it was 10, 20, 30 years ago. Peace has been taken out of our society. People are worried, they’re afraid – a spirit of Fear is now strongly felt. Souls and minds are plagued with it. What you’re seeing and experiencing is a concerted effort of Satan and the powers of Hell to take peace from the earth and fill the human race with Fear. Millions of people can’t rest or sleep because of fear and dread. They constantly worry – worry about the future, worry about their safety, they don’t feel secure. They worry about their health, their finances and scared to hear more bad news. They fear

what tomorrow may hold. The future looks uncertain. What am I going to do? What if this happens or that happens? How am I going to make it? What about my family? Remember, this is the devils plan to get you so focused on these things that it robs you of God’s Peace. He wants you to have a break-down and be so troubled that you cannot rest and you won’t feel like life is worth living.

**CRIPPLED BY FEAR**

**1John 4:16** - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. **Vs 18** There is no fear in love; but perfect Love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.

I see a most perfect picture of fearless Love and Trust in Jesus, the peace He had! I see a boat out in the middle of a stormy sea. Jesus had just told 12 disciples to get on board, we’re going to the other side. It was the worst storm they had ever been in. Mark records – a great Storm of Wind arose and the Waves Beat into the ship so that it was now full. Matthew records – the Waves Covered it. Luke records – they were filled with water and were in jeopardy. If a gallon of water weighs 8 lbs and the waves beat into the ship covering it, how much fear would you feel if you were there in the cold mist and foamy waves holding on for dear life as the ship violently rocked from side to side? You would be like them – we are surely going down, we are going to perish. But where was Jesus? Did He not board with them? Didn’t He say they were going to pass to the other side? Jesus was in the bow of the boat asleep. Listen, Jesus will never lead you where His grace cannot keep you! He will never ever send you alone without being somewhere near! Rest assured, He will reveal Himself to you in your time of need. Don’t ever forget – He careth for you!

Some preachers will preach that Jesus was so exhausted from ministry that He was passed out in the bow of that boat. Not so! I see a Saviour with Full Trust in His Heavenly Father! Knowing all things, He knew there would be a storm but He had such confidence in God that He laid down resting His head in the most assuring peace, knowing His Father was with Him and the boat would never go down! How could it with the Master of the wind on board? The disciples rushed down into the bow of that boat and awoke Jesus, saying – Master, carest thou not that we perish? Yes He cares. Our Blessed Lord arose and said – peace be still and the winds ceased and there was a great calm! Jesus had no fear. He had a perfect peace and that peace He offers to us.

**THE SPIRIT OF FEAR**

**II Tim. 1:7** - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The great Welsh preacher Martin Lloyd Jones said – When a man is defeated in life, it is always due ultimately to the fact that he is suffering from a Spirit of Fear. The spirit of fear is the ultimate cause of all failure in life and all unhappiness.

Dr. Paul Tournier observes that fear creates what if fears. Fear of war impels a country to take the very measures which end up unleashing war and fighting. A skier falls as soon as he begins to be afraid of falling. Fear of passing a test takes away peace of mind which makes success more difficult.

A strong man who had braved many dangers upon the land and sea, was absolutely afraid of being left alone in the dark. He had no fear at all of anything he could see, but a mortal dread of the unknown and the unseen.

Do you know what else fear will do? It will put wings on your heels and cause you to want to run, to flee and get away, to run and hide or else it will nail both your feet down to the ground and fetter them from moving out and doing anything for God! John the Beloved said that perfect Love will cast out fear. When you know you love God and you truly know in your Heart that God Loves you, how could you not trust Him and have that perfect peace that passes all understanding?

**THE FAITH OF A CHILD**

A father moved his daughters crib beside his bed to teach her to sleep by herself. She was frightened of the dark, afraid of being alone. In the middle of the night she cried – Daddy, daddy, would you hold my hand! The father reached over into the crib and took hold of her little hand and held it. In a few moments she was peacefully off to sleep. The father laid awake for awhile thinking of the faith of his child. If she had that much confidence in me being near and holding her hand, should I not trust in My Heavenly Father to keep me?

A Christian sailor who was not sure he could swim was asked why he remained so calm in a fearful storm answered – should I sink, I shall only drop into the hollow of my Father’s hand. For He holds all the waters in the palm of His hand.

A little girl enticed her daddy into the closet to hide from her mommy who was coming up the stairs. She closed the door completely shut but her daddy said – shouldn’t we open it a little bit so it won’t be so dark in here? The little girl insisted on leaving the door shut. She reached over and took her fathers hand and said in a most protecting way – come on daddy, don’t be afraid, just hold my hand!! What a faith and trust in the heart of a child when she knows her father is with her! Where does that leave each of us?

In Calcutta India, a man kept a Bengal tiger in his home. This 4 to 5 hundred pound animal exhibited the greatest terror at the sight of a mouse. He said, if a mouse came through, the tiger would leap and sprang away as if in dread destruction. Somehow and for some reason the tiger was blinded to the fact that he could easily crush his enemy with his huge paw.

It is so terrible at the things we are afraid of! Small things keep us tore up and hold us in bondage to fear. We are afraid to do anything, go anywhere, afraid of failure, fearful in our trials, worried that God is not there, He won’t come through and the enemy paints the worst picture in our minds making mountains out of mole hills. When it gets to the point that all we see is the bad and the negative, our peace is taken away from us and we live in misery and dread. The enemy will make you feel all alone in your troubles and forsaken in your hardships. The spirit of fear will paralyze you and destroy your spiritual life and take away your joy in the service for the Lord.

**O CHILD, LOOK TO GOD’S WORD**

**AND PROMISES!**

**Lam. 3:22** - His compassions fail not.

**23** They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

**24** The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

**25** The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

**26** It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

What can you tell us Psalmist David? **Psalms 37:25** - I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

**Psalms 34:17** - The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

**18** - The LORD **is nigh** unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

**19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

**FEAR NOT - HE’S THERE**

**WHEN BURDENS COME**

Remember, Jesus said He will Manifest and reveal Himself to you if you will only Love Him and keep His Word!

Get the Picture: You’re carrying some heavy burden. Your load is heavy as you walk your path of duty. What you are enduring and going through feels more than you can bear! You’re struggling and you feel all alone. You are tired and weary and your strength is almost gone. You say to yourself – I just can’t go on like this anymore. I’ve gone my last mile - But then someone slips up beside you on your steep narrow path and gently says – scoot over child, I saw you struggling, let me have it now. Give it to me and I will bear your heavy load. Hold on child, Jesus is still the burden bearer. He still calls out to His laborers – come to me all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you Rest. Take my yoke upon you and you will find I am meek and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your soul!!

**BEHIND FOUR WALLS**

Another scene: You sit in your room, others are gone. It’s the same chair, the same place you’ve sat many times before. Your tears have flowed there. The room feels empty – you question, many thoughts go through your mind. The trial you are in has not let up. You wonder about tomorrow. The words Why, How and What if goes over and over in your mind. There comes a fear over you as you worry and try to figure everything out. You are so troubled. You just don’t have the answer. Your imaginations grow stronger in your mind as you picture the worst.

But something happens as you pour out your heart to God! You can’t find the right words to tell Him or explain it. You just cry from deep inside. The groanings roll from your inner being. And ever so gentle with the doors being shut someone steps into your room. You can’t describe it but a Peace comes over you, it’s a peace and feeling that everything is going to be alright. Jesus saw your tears, He heard your reasoning. He knew your heart was to serve Him. He knows you Love Him and HE CAME!! Thank God He came again to your rescue. He brought strength and help from the throne room of Grace!!

**HE’LL BE THERE IN TIME OF SICKNESS**

Another scenario: You’re lying in the hospital, some sickness or accident has got you confined to a bed. The doctors have done all they can do. The nurses treat you around the clock. Friends visit, family comes and then leave and go home, but somebody is praying. They’re calling out your name to the Lord. Prayer requests are being given for you in Church. You lie there and look out the window, then you turn and look at the door, saying, Lord I need you! I need your touch, please Heal me. I want to go home and I want to go back to Church! I’ve tried to serve you and be faithful and I want to serve you even more.

Then someone walks into the room. It’s not the doctor, it’s not the nurse bringing your meds. It’s not the cafeteria lady bringing your food – NO, it’s a Heavenly visitor! Prayers have been heard, your desire has brought Jesus! He’s come to your room. He saw your heart, felt your pain, saw your faithfulness and knew your desire. This wonderful healer of bodies and souls, the mender of broken hearts has come just for you! You just can’t explain it, but now you’re gaining strength and feeling better. The touch and Healing you longed for is taking place.

Remember what Jesus said: If ye Love me, serve me and keep my Commandments – my Father will Love you and I will Manifest myself to you. I’ll be there in your time of need. I will not leave nor forsake you. I will show you my power and mercy and you will find just how much I care!!

**Isa 41:10** ¶ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. **Isa 41:13** - For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

May God Bless my readers! To you who Love the Lord, Look up – Jesus is not far away. He will come to you in your time of need!! He sees, He feels, He loves and He Cares! GLORY TO HIS NAME!!