

Fear vs. Faith

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Faith and fear are enemies. The bible says "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH". It didn't say we ought to live by fear. Fear is false evidence acting, or appearing real. Faith is the substance, or the support, or the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen according to Hebrews 11:1. Both Fear and Faith operate in a similar way, but they're different in purpose. One is positive, and the other is negative. For example: why would someone be afraid of the dark if they didn't *BELIEVE* it was something in the dark that can potentially harm them.

So fear, JUST LIKE FAITH, has a belief system. But, the major difference between the two is that faith responds, whereas fear can only react. Faith helps us to maximize, and fear causes us to minimize. Faith is what moves God, and fear is what moves the enemy. But, also, understand that Faith and Fear is much like a muscle as well. They both can be strengthened by the thoughts and images that we feed our minds on a daily basis.

When it comes to FAITH vs. FEAR we have to be diligent about guarding our thought life. We have to remember to stay GOD CONSCIOUS. David said in Psalm 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me". The reason why David didn't fear is because he was more focused on God rather than his surrounding circumstances. He understood that his situation wasn't his destination. He knew that God was going to bring him out. That's why he said "Yea, though I walk THROUGH the valley, and not TO the valley. He was in the presence of death, but not under the power of death. He was GOD CONSCIOUS.

Another thing I noticed as I was reading this scripture is that he said "The valley of the SHADOW of death". It's impossible to cast a SHADOW without LIGHT. That let's me know that the presence of God was there. Because we know that God is LIGHT. The Shadow of death was over powered by another type of SHADOW. Psalm 91:1 says "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the SHADOW of the Almighty.

We as Christians have to remember that no matter what situation we may find ourselves in, God is always there. He already promised in His Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Remember that God is not a man that He should lie. He will never abandon us. Just hold on to His Word and remain GOD CONSCIOUS. And as we do so we will overcome FEAR with our FAITH.