# The Mountain of Fear

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## INTRODUCTION

- But fear is a strong motivator, and there's a lot of different types of fear.
- There is the healthy fear, that is, that teaches us to avoid harm, right?

## 1 A Man of God Lied Because He Was Afraid

**Genesis 12:10–20; Genesis 20:13**

- Say you are my sister that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.
- Here is a man of God who lied to Pharaoh because of what? It was he was afraid to be put to death.
- Abraham, this man of God, this believer in him who created us all, lied because he was afraid.
- And when you see lying throughout Scripture, you see what fear has done.

## 2 Three Examples of What Fear Has Done

**Genesis 3:8–12; Numbers 13:30–33; John 12:42–43**

- I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid. Because I was naked, and I hid myself.
- That unlike Caleb, these spies and the whole nation of Israel did not trust in God to give them the deliverance.
- Many even of the authorities believed in him. But for fear of the Pharisees. They did not confess it.
- They feared those men more than they feared their understanding of who Jesus was.

## 3 Fear Can Lead to Prohibited Anxiety

**Matthew 6:25–34**

- Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will put on.
- And which of you being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. And all these things will be added to you.
- And Jesus prohibits anxiety because it undermines our faith. Our trust needs to be 100% in who? In God.

## 4 Fear Can Make Us Unwilling to Present Ourselves to Others

**James 5:13–18; Romans 3:23**

- Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed.
- If we're not confessing our sins to one another, we're not only not doing what James chapter 5 and verse 16 says, we won't reap the benefits of it.
- I'd say we're elevating our fear of what others think of us over our desire to be with God forever.

- Let us never let fear conquer our desire to please God.

## 5 Fear May Keep Us From Service to God

**Matthew 25:14–30**

- So I was afraid. And I went and hid your talent in the ground.
- If we are afraid that we can't do it, then we're not trusting God enough.
- But if we overcome that fear and we trust in God who blessed us with everything, we can do it and we can please the Master.

## 6 How Do We Overcome Fear?

**Matthew 14:22–33; Isaiah 43:1–2**

- In Matthew chapter 14, we need to recognize that fear lacks trust in God.
- But when he saw the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me.
- Peter sank when his fear overcame his faith and trust in Jesus.
- Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.
- He's the God who made us. He knows us. He knows what we need.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust in the Lord today?**

MY NOTES