

Dear Tim,

Part 8: Overcoming Your Fear With Faith

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2 Timothy 1:6-7 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love, and self-discipline.

1. Fear is a _____ to God's plan and purpose for our life.

- Faith takes us forward. Fear takes us backward.

2. Fear is the result of our _____ coming to the conclusion that we do not have what it takes to handle what we're up against.

1 Samuel 17:45-48 NLT David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!" ⁴⁸ As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.

- Never allow _____ to be a determining factor in your decision making.

3. The remedy for fear is to _____!

- "If you will live like no one else, later you can live like no one else." Dave Ramsey
- "You all talk about your problem and then pray. Your prayer is big and your God is small."

- “We talked about our God and then prayed. Our God was BIG and our prayers were small.”
- It’s not about the size of our faith, but the size of our God we put our faith into.

4. Fear is the number one deterrent to Christians _____.

2 Timothy 1:8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don’t be ashamed of me, either, even though I’m in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

2 Timothy 1:9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 64:6 We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

5. The Good News is the _____ to the fear that would try to separate us from God.

2 Timothy 1:10 And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

Romans 8:38-39 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

6. Prescription for Victory: Live by faith. Walk in love. _____ your mind with the truth of God’s Word.

2 Timothy 1:11-14 And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News. ¹²That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.¹³Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

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REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME IN 2018

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they’ve ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.