

CONFIDENCE IN A WORLD OF

FEAR

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Overcoming a Culture of FEAR

Acts 2:16-17b No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: “In the last days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.”

Matthew 24:7-8 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

v9 “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers.

Ecclesiastes 11:4

Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

1. God’s presence is bigger than my fear

Matthew 28:18-19b Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,

v 20b And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Exodus 33:16-17 Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place..... For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all

other people on the earth.”

2. God's arms are under us if we fall

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is your refuge, and his everlasting arms are under you.

Job 1:9-12 Satan replied to the LORD, “Yes, Job fears God, but not without good reason! You have always protected him and his home and his property from harm. You have made him prosperous in everything he does. Look how rich he is! But take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”

“All right, you may test him,” the LORD said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically.” So Satan left the LORD's presence.

Job 2:9-10 Job replied, ‘You are talking like foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?’ In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.”

2 Corinthians. 4:16 “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.”

3. God has given me faith to conquer this fear

Matthew 17:20 “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”

Romans 12:3 God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

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