



Faith Over Fear, Part III

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Foundational Scripture

Psalm 23 (New Living Translation)

1The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. 2He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. 3He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. 5You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. 6Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Major Point

- An emotion of faith or fear is subject to change.
- A spirit of faith or fear is subject to challenge before change.

How do I affect my spirit?

Joshua 1:8 (New Living Translation)

8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

How do I get something down in my spirit?

- Impact
- Iteration
- Inherit

What is faith?

Hebrews 11:1 (New Living Translation)

1Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.



We were designed to live by faith, not fear!

Hebrews 11:6 (New Living Translation)

6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 10:38 (Amplified Bible)

38 But the just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live by his conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him.

Faith and fear come by hearing.

Romans 10:17 (New International Version)

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Use your faith for love to cast out fear.

I John 4:18 (New King James Version)

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

I John 4:18 (Amplified Bible)

18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].

It takes fear to stay the same. It takes faith to change.

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (New Living Translation)

1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.



8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! **9** Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! **10** But when full understanding comes, these partial things will become useless. **11** When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. **12** Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. **13** Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.