

Dreaming and Fighting Fear In The Promise Land

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Big Question: What Has Fear Done To You?

I. Two Things The Bible Says About Fear

1. It Can Torment You (1 John 4:18–19 (NKJV)

• 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. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

Note: Key Words in I John 4:18-19

- Perfect (Mature)
- Fear (To alarm or frighten)
- Torment (To punish)

2. It Can Trap You (Proverbs 29:25-26)

• 25 The fear of man brings a **snare**, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

II. Four Lessons We Can Learn From Those Who Live In Fear

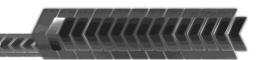
1. Fear can cause you to **UNDERVALUE** your opportunities (Numbers 13:26–33)

- 26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and **showed them the fruit of the land**. 27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. (NKJV)
- A. They found a place with **fruit** (v26)
- B. They found a place that flowed with **milk and honey** (v27)

2. Fear can cause you to focus on the SIZE of an issue (They were afraid of six groups of people)

- 28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."
- A. They were fixated on the people of Anak (They were tall like Giants)
- B. They were fixated on six groups of people that intimidated them

Question: What are you fixated on NOW? (Everyday the news gives us new giants to fear)





3. Fear can cause you to IGNORE wise counsel

- 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."
- 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.
- A. They were convinced they would never **overcome**
- B. They were convinced they were **not able**

4. Fear can cause you to **CHANGE** how you see yourself

- 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."
- A. The issues in your life will look like **giants** (Anak)
- B. You will look like a **grasshopper** compared to them

Next Time: Dreaming With a Plan to Have Enough

Insight: This season of dealing with the Coronavirus has exposed two great fears!

- A. You may not have enough **money** to live
- B. You may not be **healthy** enough to survive

Big Question: Why don't you have enough and what can you do about it?