



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 1 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?