



**Five Things Dreamers Must Face
When Dreaming About Their Future
(Fear)**

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Big Question: How well do you manage your fears?

Side Question: What are you afraid of? (Coronavirus, job loss, future)

Series Review: We are in part two of our series on things dreamers must face in their future. Gideon is our example of a man with a dream who had to face five great challenges.

1. **Isolation:** You learn a lot about yourself when you are alone (What have you learned about yourself when you were completely alone?)
2. **Fear:** You learn a lot about yourself when you are afraid (Judges 7:2-3, Have you ever been put in a situation where fear paralyzed those around you?)
3. **Distractions:** You learn a lot about yourself when distracted people leave (Judges 7:4-8; Have you ever worked with people that did not pay attention?)
4. **Change:** Are you able to see another way to be successful? (**Judges 7:19-20**)
5. **Advantage:** You learn a lot about yourself when you have an advantage (How will our leaders manage their advantage?)

Main Text: Judges 7:2–3 (NIV): 2 The Lord said to Gideon, “You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, ‘My own strength has saved me.’ 3 Now announce to the army, ‘**Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.**’ ” **So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.**

I. What Gideon Could Not See

- A. The **hubris** or pride in the hearts of the people (Israel will boast against me, v2)
- B. The number of people who were **afraid** (v3)
- C. The number of people who were **distracted** (v4-7)

II. What God Wanted to Teach Gideon

- A. He did not need to rely on a big **crowd** to succeed (Luke 12:15, Life is not in the abundance of things you possess)
- B. He did not need to take **everyone** with him to the battle
- C. He did not really **know** everyone that was traveling with him (**I feel this way in this season.**)



Closing:

III. My Personal Warfare with Fear

- 1.** I have feared not having **enough**
- 2.** I have feared having **too much** (prosperity guilt)
- 3.** I have feared **not doing well** (in business, public speaking, management, reputation, etc.)
- 4.** I have feared **not being accepted** (academically, ethnically, socially, and politically)
- 5.** I have feared **the future** (Did I save enough, prepare enough, and plan enough?)

IV. My Solution for Fear

1. I have learned to embrace healthy fear (Proverbs 1:7)

- Proverbs 1:7 (NIV): 7 The fear (or reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

2. I have learned to reject unhealthy fear (2 Timothy 1:7)

- 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV): 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

3. I have learned the difference between foolishness, faith, and fear

- A.** It is **foolish** to **disobey** God (Deuteronomy 28:1-14; v.15-68).

Note: There are 54 warning verses compared to 14 happy verses

- B.** It is **wise** to believe God and **obey** God and **fear** him (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

Next Time: I want to talk about distractions.