

Report Card
Part Three - The Big Red 'F'

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Numbers 13 - The Story of the Spies

Our failing grade is due to fear.

Three Things to Know About Fear:

1. Fear is a spirit.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Ephesians 3:16-17

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Job 3:25

What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.

1 John 4:18

The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Galatians 3:3

Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2. Fear affects our emotions.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3. Fear sets a trap.

Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

Matthew 14:28-30

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

How To Face Your Fears

1 Samuel 17:20-57 - The Story of David and Goliath

1. Consider what your victory offers.

1 Samuel 17:26

David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel?”

2. Consider victories you’ve already experienced.

1 Samuel 17:34-36

But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

3. Run at your fear.

1 Samuel 17:48-49

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

4. Use what God has given you.

1 Samuel 17:38-39

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around,

because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

5. Decapitate your fear.

1 Samuel 17:51

David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

6. Carry your victory with you.

1 Samuel 17:54

David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.