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I Will Conquer My Fears

(Developing a first-hand faith)
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". . . The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psa 27:1)

"For God did not give us a **spirit of timidity**, but a **spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline**." (2 Tim 1:7 NIV)

The Affects of Fear

Fear leaves you **paranoid**.

"The wicked flee when no one is chasing them! But the godly are bold as lions!" (Prov 28:1 TLB)

Fear leaves you **prejudiced**.

Fear leaves you **powerless**.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does." (James 1:5-8 NIV)

Where there is real faith...

There will be **confidence**.

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Men of God in days of old were famous for their faith. By faith--by believing God--we know that the world and the stars--in fact, all things--were made at God's command; and that they were all made from things that can't be seen." (Heb 11:1-3; NIV)

"You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him. Noah was another who trusted God.." (Heb 11:6-7; NIV)

There will be **conviction**.

"It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be treated as the grandson of the king, but chose to share ill-treatment with God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought that it was better to suffer for the promised Christ than to own all the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking forward to the great reward that God would give him. And it was because he trusted God that he left the land of Egypt and wasn't afraid of the king's anger. **MOSES KEPT RIGHT ON GOING; IT SEEMED AS THOUGH HE COULD SEE GOD RIGHT THERE WITH HIM.**" (Heb 11:24-27)

There will be **commitment**.

"It was faith that brought the walls of Jericho tumbling down after the people of Israel had walked around them seven days as God had commanded them." (Heb 11:30)

"And these men of faith, though they trusted God and won his approval, none of them received all that God had promised them; for God wanted them to wait and share the even better rewards that were prepared for us." (Heb 11:39-40; NIV)