

FAKE NEWS
Part 3: "What Are You So Afraid Of?"

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"So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

–Winston Churchill, March 4, 1933

THE ENEMY IS LYING TO ME BY FEEDING...

1. ...MY FEAR OF BEING UNLIKED, UNLOVED AND NOT BELONGING

"You remember, when God created humans, He made them in His own likeness. He created them male and female; and after creating them, God put a special blessing on them and named them 'humanity.'"

Genesis 5:1-2 (TVB)

"But for all who did receive and trust in Him, He gave them the right to be reborn as children of God;"

John 1:12 (TVB)

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God by believing in Christ."

Galatians 3:26 (NIRV)

- **I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BECAUSE I AM GOD'S CREATION AND HIS CHILD**

2. ...MY FEAR OF FACING AN UNKOWN FUTURE

“Before you do anything, put your trust totally in God and not in yourself. Then every plan you make will succeed.”

Proverbs 16:3 (TPT)

“We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but God’s purpose prevails.”

Proverbs 19:21 (MSG)

- **I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BECAUSE I HAVE A FUTURE FULL OF PURPOSE AND PROMISE**

“So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God’s perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.”

Romans 8:28 (TPT)

3. ...MY FEAR OF MESSINESS, CONFLICT AND AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS

“The Lord sent Nathan to David...David became very angry at the rich man. He said to Nathan, ‘As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this should die! He must pay for the lamb four times for doing such a thing. He had no mercy!’ Then Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man!...Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’”

2 Samuel 12:1, 5-10, 13 (NCV)

“The Pharisees and their experts in Moses’ Teachings complained to Jesus’ disciples. They asked, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Healthy people don’t need a doctor; those who are sick do. I’ve come to call sinners to change the way they think and act, not to call people who think they have God’s approval.’”

Luke 5:30-32 (GWT)

I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BECAUSE GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO FIGHTS FOR PEACE

“How blessed you are when you make peace! For then you will be recognized as a true child of God.”

Matthew 5:9 (TPT)

4. ...MY FEAR THAT GOD IS MAD AT ME, DISAPPOINTED WITH ME, OR ALTOGETHER IGNORING ME

“You’re kind and tenderhearted to those who don’t deserve it and very patient with people who fail you. Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness.”

Psalms 145:8 (TPT)

“The Lord your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love.”

Zephaniah 3:17 (CEV)

• I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BECAUSE GOD LOVES ME AND FINDS JOY IN ME

“The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.”

Psalms 37:23 (NLT)