



The Notes

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“Fighting with Fear”

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

2 Timothy 1:7

FEAR COMES AS A SPIRIT!

The most common command in Scripture is FEAR NOT!

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,”

he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:22-33

1. Fear _____ His _____.

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Matthew 14:22-24

"In the world you shall have tribulation," Jesus promised in John 16:33.

"Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to

him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

Mark 4:37-38

2. Fear also _____ our _____.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

Why did they not recognize Jesus? Because they were not looking for him.

Fear and faith cannot live in the same heart.
Matthew 14:25-26

3. Fear also _____ our _____.

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Will you love the place that God is taking you more than you fear the process to get there?

Yes, Peter failed as he was stepping out, but all the others failed more by staying in.

Matthew 14:28-30

4. Finally, fear also _____ our _____.

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This word translated “doubt” carries the meaning of “standing and staring uncertainly at two ways.”

Matthew 14:29-31

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”

Romans 10:17

Fear is nothing more than confidence in the devil. It is the opposite of Faith – confidence in God.