

## Fear versus Freedom –

How much freedom do I walk in over how much fear do I walk in?

Jesus said, We will **know truth** and **be free** indeed!

- Joh 8:32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.
- Joh 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
- Joh 8:36 So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are **really and unquestionably** free.

Jesus said, fear is not from me, walk and live free from fear

### FREEDOM -

#### **What does it mean to be free?**

It says “KNOWING TRUTH” makes us free – what is Truth (God's Word) – many things can be true, but there is only one “**TRUTH**” – We need, must “**KNOW**” that truth –

The word says, My people perish for lack of knowledge of MY WORD, because we REJECT the Word! – Hos 4:6 How do we “reject” the Word – we don’t do what we hear (Jam 1:22) The Word brings increase, we reject the increase because of “the flesh” does not want to die, or do what is right –

We have to want to be free to embrace the freedom Jesus has given us – The children of Israel wanted free but when freedom came they would not believe God and did not receive the freedom of God

### FEAR -

- 2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- 2Ti 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control. (AMP)

#### **I John 4:18 tells us Fear has torment, but perfect love casts or drives out fear:**

What is torment?

- The main point here is we have not reached the point in our belief system that God loves us enough that there is not punishment due to me because of Jesus, when I reach that point, I have perfect (mature, full grown) love.
- It presents in our lives, penal infliction, punishment, correction, **torture**, pain, vexation, anguish of mind or body, distortion, twisting –
- Fear will cause us to draw back, give up our position or authority, freeze up, become immobile, run, hide, isolate from fellowship and activities, cease to grow in God, and many more.

#### **God's SIDE OF THIS PROMISE -**

<b>Power</b>	This position of God gives us power, authority, ability, gifting, anointing, endurance, diligence, strength in God,
<b>Love</b>	We must know first God loves us no matter what – We must know our works, service dedication, commitment, sacrifices etc. have nothing to do with God loving us – We must know within us is the ability to love others when we choose to love them – We can get to the place where our relationships with others are unconditional – requiring nothing from them which increase or diminish our love.
<b>Sound Mind</b>	We find wholeness, clarity of mind, wisdom, rightness of knowledge, mental stability, not confusion, no unsureness of thought, bring sureness of speech, mental excellence, knowing

**THE DEVILS SIDE (THE COUNTERFIET) OF God's PROMISE -**

<b>Power</b>	Weakness	Weak, tired, overwhelmed quickly, consumed by circumstance or situations, intimidated, immobilized
<b>Love</b>	Hate	Hatred, strife, evil work, suspicion, jealousy, judgmental, immature or shallow love based on emotions or the performance of the one involved.
<b>Sound Mind</b>	Unsound mind	Confusion, clouded memory, lack of memory, unstable thought process, not sure of things, tired mind

**To deal with fear we must recognize it is a spirit not from God, and to know how we deal with a “spirit”**

Casting Out:

To bring forth, drive out, put out, send away, throw down, thrust out.

Then HOW, WHEN, WHERE, ETC. do we do this “casting” of this spirit and any spirit that is not of God?

Throughout Jesus ministry when He dealt with demons (spirits) He spoke to them, commanded them to leave and they left. Our dealing with “spirits” has not changed. We do it the very same way.

Our words carry the power and anointing of God and when we speak to a spirit “in the name of Jesus” that spirit must do what we say according to the power of Christ which backs up our words –

- I John 4:4        Greater is Jesus in you than the devil in the world.
- Luke 10:19      I have given you power over all the power of the devil and nothing shall harm you.
- Mark 16:17      We shall cast out devils (spirits) in His name - -
  
- Mat 8:16        When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:
- Joh 14:12        Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- Joh 14:13        And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

We must never ever put up with or cooperate with the spirit of fear at anytime or anyplace.

To be in fear simply put is to be “bound” – the opposite of what Jesus did for us and gave to us.

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- Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

To be free is to be “unrestrained, exempt from obligation, at liberty (the state of being free)

Nothing will and can “hinder” what you do in God – not fear, fear of man, fear of death, fear of the unknown, fear of heights, fear of flying, fear of rejection, fear of poverty, fear of famine, fear of loss, and so forth.

We have been set free and are free indeed, which means really and with no questions -

