



THE
OTHER SIDE
OF FEAR

God in My Fear

Presence

Joshua 1:1-9 & Ecclesiastes 12:13

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Rarely does God say, “Fear not,” just to soothe our anxiety. He usually says it because he is challenging us to boldly step into his purpose for us.

Joshua 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: 2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates – all the Hittite country – to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.” (NIV)

In my fear, God gives me his presence.

Because God is with me and goes before me, I can courageously move forward with confidence.

I experience the presence of God through his:

■ Spirit

Psalms 139:7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. (NIV)

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – 17 the Spirit of truth... (NIV)

Galatians 5:16 ...walk by the Spirit... (NIV)

Ephesians 5:18 ...be filled with the Spirit. (NIV)

Joshua 1:7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (NIV)

■ Scripture

Keep God’s Word on my:

- Lips: Speak it.
- Mind: Think it.

Biblical meditation is focused concentration on the Word of God until its full implications are made clear.

- Feet: Do it.

When I really experience God’s presence, I will not fear the things of this world.

A healthy fear of God expels my unhealthy fears.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. (NIV)

I need to overcome any unhealthy fear of God and let a healthy fear of God overcome me.

To fear God is to love and respect God above all else.

The Scripture describes the fear of God as good.

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble. (NIV)

When God is great, my fear is not.

I will fight fear with fear.