

Mighty Men and Women of God Are Fearless

Are you afraid of spiders? How about heights?
Are you able to handle closed or tight spot, like a cave?
Would you jump out of a plane at 10 000 feet?
For most of us, fear is something that we know.
We are all afraid of something at some point, aren't we not!
What is fear though? How would you define it?

Merriam-Webster Dictionary define it this way:
"An unpleasant, often strong, emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger"

It further defines it with synonyms. The word FEAR is the most general term and implies anxiety and usually loss of courage. Example: *fear* of the unknown.

The word FEAR is a very common word in the Bible, in the NKJV there are over 350 verses that uses the word fear.
Very often it is related with having the awe (fear) of God, but not only and we will see some of those examples in a minute.

Now, what other word can be used to define fear?
When we DREAD something, it usually adds the idea of intense reluctance to face or meet a person or situation and suggests aversion as well as anxiety.
This word is used in 14 verses in the NKJV.
For instance, if you turn to [Genesis 9:2](#), we have God talking to Noah after the flood and He mentions this:

[Genesis 9:2](#) And the fear of you and the **dread** of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

This is why we cannot approach animals easily today they are dreading us. God also put fear in the people of the land of Canaan when Israel came in.

[Deuteronomy 2:25](#) This day I will begin to put the **dread** and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.

Another example is when Israel did not obey God and they were about to fall to the armies of Babylon

[Ezekiel 4:16](#) Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, surely I will cut off the supply of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and shall drink water by measure and with **dread**."

TREPIDATION adds to DREAD the implications of timidity, trembling, and hesitation.

Sometimes you might hear the word FRIGHT, this implies the shock of sudden, startling fear.

Other times we are ALARMED, this suggests a sudden and intense awareness of immediate danger. Let's look at one verse where this word is used.

[Mark 16:5-6](#) And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were **alarmed**. But he said to them, "Do not be **alarmed**. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

Did you ever PANIC? This implies unreasoning and overmastering fear causing hysterical activity.

[Zechariah 14:12-13](#) And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths. It shall come to pass in that day *That* a great **panic** from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand.

Another word that we hear today is TERROR: This implies the most extreme degree of fear. For example : to be immobilized with *terror*.

God tells us that the society we have around us, a society that does not want to recognise who God is and in which hates the Commandments of God.

God's warning is quite clear:

[Leviticus 26: 14-16](#) 'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, *but* break My covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint **terror** over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

But what about the Mighty men and women of God? Do they have fear, terror?

The answer is no. Let's look at some examples, shall we?

Turn to Judges 4, here, we have here a powerful example, ladies something for you! Deborah was a wife to her husband, doing all that the Bible commands about that, she was a woman of Proverb 31.

[Judge 4: 4-5](#) Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of

Israel came up to her for judgment.

We see here that she was a woman of God. She knew her role, understood it and lived according to God's ways. Let's keep reading.

Verse 6-7 Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy *troops* at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?'"

This was what God wanted to be done, Deborah knew the decision of God: Sisera will fall. God's will was made up. But look at what Barak tells her.

Verse 8 And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!"

It seem that Barak was afraid, he was scared – he does not believe the word of God given by Deborah. So what does she do, what does she say?

Verses 9 So she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

She did not fear, she was not alarmed. But even more importantly, she was fearless because she knew that God's word could not fail. She did what was needed. She did not hesitate. Let's drop down to verse 14.

Judge 4: 14 Then Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

Noticed that she does not go into battle, for this is not to be done. But she is there fearless and not afraid of anything. What is interesting in this story is that just a couple of verses further we see another woman that is not afraid, and she does something courageous. Sisera was fleeing on foot and came to the tent of Jael – the wife of Heber. Sisera comes in her tent and falls asleep. What does she do?

Verse 21: Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her

hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

Fearless woman, let's look at another example. You all know the story of Ruth. She decided to stay with her mother-in-law and come to a land that she did not know. To a land that worshipped another God. That lived by another way of life. She followed the instructions and the guidance given to her. She trusted in God and she was also fearless in her actions. No, this was not in battle, but she was fearless in the small actions that were needed to live and sustained her and Naomi. Notice what is happening. Ruth 3, and let's pick it up in verse 1.

Ruth 3: 1-5 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, *is he* not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your *best* garment and go down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do." And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

Don't you think that she might be a bit uneasy doing this? Think about it, she is told to go uncover the feet of a man that she does not really know and to lay there until she receives instructions. But what is her answer? "I'll do what you said". That takes guts, that takes courage and being fearless.

Then what is the result of this action, her fearlessness is rewarded.

Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, do not **fear**. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman.

Let's look at a third example, turn to Luke chapter 1. And while you are turning there, I would like you to think about what would be your reaction if one of the archangels of God appeared here in this room. In every example that we see in Scriptures, when this happens, men almost die. Even when Christ appeared to His disciples after the resurrection, He needs to calm them down. We have here a young woman, let's read it.

Luke 1: 26- 31 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be **afraid**, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a

Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

Now, why did I choose these 3 examples? Is it because they are women, it is part of the answer, but more importantly these were women that acted without fear in smaller things. They were not the Mighty men of David, or they did not killed a 1000 men like Samson. One was a judge and she had to decide to go to the front and she was not afraid to do it. The other decided to obey and trust that her mother-in-law would do things right, again fearlessly. And the 3rd one, was to become pregnant without knowing a man and she saw an angel face to face.

These are smaller things, again in contrast with the men of war and other mighty men of the Bible, and this is what you will all have to do, sooner or later.

For you will have to be fearless to decide not to smoke weed or vaping, when all your friends will pressure you.

You will have to be fearless when they will ask you to drink until you are drunk.

You will have to be fearless when this boy tells you to sleep with him or this girl to sleep with her.

It will take guts, you will have to be fearless to stand up and not work on the Sabbath.

It will also take fearlessness when everything around you will seem lost and without hope.

I will use the words of Aragorn, but modify it to the truth. Turn to Psalm 91

“I see in your eyes the same fear that would take the heart of me. A day will come when the courage of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship, and this day is fast approaching. But those

[Psalm 91: 1-11](#) ... who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty..." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Take the decision to be fearless, to abide in a way of life that none of your friends at school will understand, that none will comprehend and they will laugh at you. Stand your ground, be like these examples, who were not afraid to do what was required of them.

Mighty men and women of God are fearless in the big things and in the small things. O captain, my Captain of my Salvation – I stand for you no matter what, and I will not be afraid of what men can do!