

Fearless Faith

2 Tim. 1:7

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Fear... "A painful emotion or passion excited by an expectation of mind, upon the thought of future evil."
Noah Webster - 1812

Fearless?!

... for God gave us a spirit not of fear. 2 Tim. 1:7a

Fearless...

Bold; courageous; undaunted; confident; secure; strong.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. Rom. 8:9

... Not a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Rom. 8:15a

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Ps. 34:4

Fear in Control?

- faith in God and His Word is pushed away.
- Faith in answered prayer is ignored.
- Faith in God's power is denied.
- Faith in God's people to help is resisted.

Supernatural Resources - Power

... but of power... 2 Tim. 1:7

- The power of the Holy Spirit . Acts 1:8
- The power of the resurrection – Eph. 1:19-20
- The power to overcome the world. 1 Jn. 5:2
- The power to resist temptation. 1 Cor. 10:13
- The power to persevere. Isa. 40:29-31
- The power to endure persecution. 2 Cor. 4:7-9
- The power to love the unworthy. Matt. 5:44
- The power to forgive. Matt. 6:12

Supernatural Resources - Love

"Agape" – unselfish, sacrificial decision for the benefit of another.

Perfect love casts out fear. 1 Jn. 4:18

God give us His "agape" love

- in Salvation (Jn. 3:16)
- at the cross (Rom. 5:8)
- Toward His children (1 Jn. 3:1)
- Eternal relationship (Rom. 8:36-39)
- We love Him with "agape" love.

... With all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Matt. 22:37

- We love one another with “agape” love.
- fervently – (1 Pet. 1:22)
- speaking truth in love (Eph. 4:15)

Supernatural Resources –

- “self-control” – 2 Tim. 1:7
- “self-control”- ESV
- “discipline” – NASB
- “self-discipline” – NIV & NLT
- “sound mind - KJV

- A disciplined response to the Upside world
- knowing Christ – 2 Tim. 1:12
 - “I know whom I have believed.”
- knowing Scripture – 2 Tim. 2:15
 - “... rightly handling the Word of truth.”
- knowing good and evil – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 - “... training in righteousness.”
- knowing words of wisdom – James 1:5
 - “... gives generously.”
- Know who you believe!
- Know what you believe!
- Know why you believe!

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. Ps. 56:3

David’s Fears?

- Lions and bears
- Goliath and the Philistines
- Saul
- Abner and Saul’s army
- Moab, Ammon and Syria
- Death of his baby
- Absalom

The Lord is my Rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

My God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior;

You save me from violence.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 2 Sam. 22:2-4

For who is God, but the Lord?

And who is a Rock, except our God. 2 Sam. 22:32