**I HAVE OVERCOME FEAR**

**I Have Overcome – Part 3 of 8**

**1. Fear ORIGINATED IN SIN**

***He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”* Gen. 3:10 (NLT)**

**2. Fear MOTIVATES SIN**

***Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I didn’t laugh.“ But the LORD said, “No. You did laugh.”* Gen. 18:15 (NCV)**

**3. Fear WEAKENS MY CHARACTER**

***When some friends of James came, Peter wouldn’t eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.***

**Gal. 2:12 (NLT)**

**4. Fear IS CONTAGIOUS**

***Is anyone here afraid or worried? If you are, you may go home before you frighten anyone else.* Deut. 20:8 (NLT)**

**5. Fear QUIETS MY FAITH**

***Many people did believe in [Jesus]... But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue.* John 12:42 (NLT)**

**WHAT I CAN DO NOW**

**1. Decide who/what you DEPEND ON**

***Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” So we can say with confidence, “The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear.* Heb. 13:6 (NLT)**

***Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.* Psa. 23:4 (GN)**

**WHAT TO DO IN THE BATTLE**

**1. Remember WHO YOU DEPEND ON**

***The LORD is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?* Psa. 27:1 (NLT)**

**2. Let Christ be your SAFE HARBOR**

***If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you.* Psa. 91:9 (NLT)**

***But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!”* Matt. 14:27 (NLT)**

***“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.* John 14:27 (NLT)**

***Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*  Isa. 41:10 (LB)**

***When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?* Psa. 56:3-4 (NLT)**

**3. Serve God in your CIRCUMSTANCE**

***God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.* 2 Tim. 1:7 (NLT)**

***Serve only the LORD your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him.* Deut. 13:4**

***Now we can serve God in a new way by obeying his Spirit, and not in the old way by obeying the written Law.***

**Rom. 7:6 (CEV)**

***We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear.* Luke 1:74 (NLT)**