

No Fear Allowed

God loves us without conditions. Do we love Him the same way in return?

Luke 22:61-62 - At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny **three** times that you even know me." And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

John 21:15-17 - After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep.

- If we really love God unconditionally, it will show in our inability to be swayed with fear.
- Sometimes, we don't know that fear is irrational until it hinders our capacity to be the best version of yourself.

Fear and Compromise Slowly Get Driven Out:

Exodus 23:27-30 - "I will send my terror ahead of you and create panic among all the people whose lands you invade. I will make all your enemies turn and run. I will send terror ahead of you to drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites. But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you. I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land.

- The more we put God first, the more we are filled with Truth & Love.
- When we are full of God (love), we will notice how irrational fear is.

We Stay Full of God with Regular Disciplines: of putting God first and loving others as we love ourselves.

- Bible
- Worship
- Prayer
- Community