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Go and make disciples!

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FEAR

False

Evidence

Appearing

Real

God has not given us a spirit of false evidence appearing real but of power, love and sound mind.

Philippians 1:28 "Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself."

The reality here is that no one has any power over your life save what the Lord allows. The truth of eternal life in Christ is such a motivation that there can really be no intimidation or fear left because love has been perfected in you, that is if you have grown up into maturity. The mature believer realizes that no matter what suffering comes their way since they are sold out to Jesus and no longer live for themselves that they have an eternal confidence that cannot be shaken.

The acronym given for fear should give strong support to what we just read. For example, anything that threatens the eternal confidence of a believer is done so based on false evidence. It is false evidence because it is opposed to the truth that you have nothing to lose. As Christians, we are simply living for a greater purpose whose end is eternity in the Presence of God. Therefore, this temporal suffering is absolutely nothing when compared to the glory that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:18). So, fear really is false evidence appearing real.

Along with this is that in the face of opposition from unbelievers the absence of fear or intimidation actually acts as true evidence that proves to them the confidence of your beliefs and thus salvation. Also, to the unbeliever, this absence of fear on your part is proof of their destruction because of the wrath of God.

The goal is most definitely that when a fearless believer goes out into the world to make Jesus known they can know that their fearless witness of Christ will cause people to reflect on their own lack of this salvation that you have. However, if the believer is afraid and intimidated, what kind of evidence of their salvation is that?

The question for us to consider might be, am I living according to the false evidence appearing real or am I living in absolute confidence in my salvation?

In Christ's Love,
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