

# Stop Obeying Your Fear – Part 1

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are looking at something in this edition that vou need take seriously to it has because caused frustration and pain for a lot of believers. Everyone has fear. This I discovered when I did some research on fear. There are over two hundred things that people fear and they call them 'Phobias'. That is an extreme or irrational fear of something.

For mountain problems to die, you must start to disobey your own fear. Truly our God is good, kind and wonderful in all His dealings with all human beings and creation, but when we all get to our personal Red Sea situations, for God's goodness to be enjoyed, you must disobey your fear. This is when you will see God come through for you.

Let us read Exodus 14:10-13, "And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord. And they said unto Moses. Because there were no graves in Eaypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand

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Every time God moved on behalf of His people, as we read of His deliverance of His people from the bondage Egypt, the devil raises:

- 1. Objections
- 2. Barriers
- 3. Oppositions and sometimes accusations

He does this to cause fear in the congregation of believers.

John 10:10a says, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:"* and in 1 Peter 5:8, the Bible

says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because vour adversarv the devil, as a roaring lion, about, walketh seeking whom he may devour:" The devil works hard at frustrating believers in God out of faith and into fear so that they might not enjoy the freedom and divine life that Jesus give Christ came to all mankind. You must stop disobeying your fear because God has purposed to advance you. Let us see what happens when people obey their fear. Matthew 13:58 says, "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Unbelief will increase. Even Jesus Christ could not do many miracles in such situations.

### What is fear?

1. It is an unpleasant emotion promoted by the belief that someone is likely to cause you pain. It was true that Pharaoh and his army were coming after the Children of Israel. It was true that the Red Sea was in front of them. They could not dig the ground and enter into it before chariots came the on them. They did not have wings to fly and some of them probably did not even have protective gear to enter into the water to swim or did not even know how to swim. All these were true, but God expected them to disobey their fear so that they

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could trust him. We do not know what Pharaoh would have done with them if God did not make a creative way in the Red Sea, but God was one who brought them to that spot. He was the one who took them out of the land of Egypt and He was one who did so many things to keep them for Himself. God brought you to this point. Do not forget where you are coming from, but God brought you this far and He would not abandon you. So disobey your fear.

- 2. It is terror that you feel when something dangerous is around you.
- 3. It is fright that threatens your confidence.
- 4. It is that which scares a person unto confusion of

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soul, mind and purpose. There are so many people confused today because they are obeying their fear. The confusion is so huge now that some people do not know who their real friends are.

5. It is an unpleasant emotion that distresses and promotes deep agitation in a man's soul and purpose.

From the story of the Children of Israel by the Red Sea, you see the **evil effects of fear** upon them. Let us see some of these evil effects so that we can avoid them. The

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passage that we read in Exodus 14:10 says, "And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord."

 Captured Vision. They saw the Egyptians marching after them. What you see in your imagination is important. If your imagination only sees your Egyptians marching after you, then there is a problem. You will obey your fear. What are you seeing now? Are you seeing God or are you seeing your Egyptians? God is greater than your Egyptians.

- They were afraid because of what they saw. The passage says that they were sore afraid. It was not just the normal fear. Do not forget that these people had been under the terror of Pharaoh and his people for over four hundred years. It was not something that they could just wish away.
- 3. They cried out to the Lord because of fear of the Egyptians. I have shared a testimony about a Christian lady in an office who was going on a work tour with a driver and a car from the office. Her daughter, who was on vacation, went along with

The her also woman along went with her friend, so they had four people in the car and the daughter was in the front with the driver. They praved before they left the house and sang praises to God on the way, led by the daughter. They got on the highway and the journey was smooth until the front tire of the car blew out and the car started swerving. There were also big trucks on the road so the driver struggled to control the car. When the woman and her friend saw what

Sometimes, when you are very afraid, you do not know what you say to God was going on, the friend began to crv out for her mother and the woman herself kept shouting in fear. It was only the daughter that kept calling Jesus continuously. The driver chanted After incantations gathering a lot of dust the car finally stopped inside the bush. After they had calmed down, they all then said, "Ah, praise God." Sometimes, when you are very afraid, you do not know what you say to God.

4. They complained about Moses. Exodus 14:11 says, "And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of

Eqypt?" Now the same set of people that cried out to God were now complaining against Moses. This shows that because they were so afraid, they removed God from the leadership of their lives and pinned it on a man. When you obey your fear, you blame people that you should not blame and for as long as you continue to blame complain against and human beings, you are not connected to God's power that sets free. The Children of Israel completely forgot the leadership of the living God and they blamed Moses. Look at what they now preferred. In Exodus 14:12 they said, "Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness." They preferred to serve the Thev Egyptians. subscribed to slaverv rather than choose the way of God. They began to see themselves dying in the wilderness. Death their was now in imagination because of their fear In Fxodus 14:13, "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians

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whom ye have seen to day, ve shall see them again no more for ever." They were not standing in faith neither were they still in their hearts or focused on God. We are encouraged in Psalm 46:10-11 to stop being agitated in our hearts and to focus on God, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted amona the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge." You need to be still in faith.

5. They stopped looking for the salvation of the Lord. Disobey your fear and look unto God for His salvation. Psalm 106:8-10 says, "Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty Never allow your situation push you to the point where you stop looking unto God for His deliverance

power to be known. He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them. and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy." allow Never vour situation push you to the point where you stop looking unto God for His deliverance. In Daniel the 3:16-18. three Hebrew boys stood in faith and God delivered them. They said, "...we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it For mountain problems to die, you must start to disobey your own fear

be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods..." You need to look unto God every day. As you disobey your fear, trust in God and so shall you be delivered. You must wait until God comes through for you.

To be continued in next month's edition where we would look at ways to counter fear and provoke a change for the best in your situation. We would also see examples of Biblical characters who stopped obeying their fears.

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Psalm 46:10-11

## **Prayer Points**

- By the reason of the anointing, every mountain problem in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Oh God arise, perfect all that concerns my family, by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Every spirit of Egypt in my destiny, enough is enough, die, in the name of Jesus.

- Father if I am the source of my troubles arise in your mercy and forgive me in the name of Jesus.
- My father, let your mercy cancel judgement in my life in the name of Jesus.
- Every witchcraft diversion of my glory, I frustrate you by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Every word of pharaoh that is wasting my testimonies, be arrested and die, in the name of Jesus.

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