"Fear Not! And Let Not Your Heart be Troubled!"

Rev. David J. Bauer on Fear Combined with Thoughts by Dr. Erwin Lutzer



Many fears come upon each of us: fear of death, loneliness, rejection, harm, things of the nighttime, loss of a job, of money, of health, catching Covid, getting older, etc. But God's most often repeated command upon every appearance to humans is to "fear not!" We see it all over the Bible in one form or another (I'm told 365 times). In fact, we are told that "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind" –2 Timothy 1:7. Other than a healthy respect (fear of) for our God, fear of all that is around us is not part of God's plan for us! Fear does not come from God!

To note fear's origin and absolute release from its bondage see Hebrews 2:14-15!



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Dr. Erwin Lutzer recommends for us to call on God in prayer backed by Scripture promises to dispel the individual fears common to each of us. Daily prayers can be given along this pattern, renouncing common fears:

I reject the fear of the future, for I believe the future is in Your hands.

I reject the fear of evildoers, for Your Word says, "Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident...For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His wings; He will lift me high upon a rock"—Psalm 91.

I renounce the fear of rejection, for David wrote in Your holy Word, "For my father and mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in" – Psalm 27:10.

I renounce the fear of witnessing about Christ, because as Your Word warns, "The fear of man brings a snare" –Proverbs 29:25. Therefore, I choose to fear You more than I do any human being. I affirm, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" –Hebrews 13:6.

I renounce the fear of losing my property and possessions, for Your Word says, "I have learned in whatever situation I am, to be content…I know the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need; I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"—Philippians 4:11-13.

I renounce the fear of Satan, for Your Word says he has already been conquered "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony" – Revelation 12:11.

I renounce the fear of saying "goodbye" to a terminally ill loved one, for Jesus promised, "Let not your heart be troubled...In My Father's house are many rooms; I go and prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also"—John 14:4.

I renounce the fear of death, for I affirm with the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Thank You for the promise, "death is

swallowed up in victory" –1 Corinthians 15:54.

I renounce the fear of loneliness, for we are promised, "Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" –1 John 1:3, And also, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" –Hebrews 13:5.

I renounce the fear of false accusations. I accept this promise, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you"—Matthew 5:11-12.

I renounce the fear of being treated unjustly, for of Jesus we read that, "When He was reviled, He did not revile in return, when He suffered, He did not threaten but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly" -1 Peter 2:23.

I renounce the fear of political correctness. I declare that "*The truth shall set me free*," and I choose to live as a free person in Christ Jesus. I shall speak and not be silent –John 8:32.

I renounce the fear of manipulation and control. I declare that Jesus Christ is Lord of all –Philippians 2:10-11. I commit myself to be a living witness to Jesus Christ as Lord as Lord of my life. I am not ashamed of His cross. "God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of Christ" –Galatians 6:14.

(Prayer for Courage): "I ask now that You will fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and pour upon me all the blessings of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Grant me the grace to understand the truth of Your Word clearly, and to apply it in every area of my life. Give me words of hope and life, as You promised. Open and bless my lips so that I can speak to others with authority and power in Jesus' name. Give me the boldness to be a faithful witness for Christ. Give me a love for all people, and a passion to share the love of Christ with them. Grant that I shall carry Your cross as a badge of honor. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Praying based on Scriptural promises is a good way to dispel common fears and to assure ourselves that we are praying within the will of God as well! Our God cannot lie and this is an "Anchor of the Soul" to us! –Hebrews 6:13-20, DJB

Kevin Swanson, was recently given the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award at Moody Bible Institute. He was recognized as president and CEO of Mission Aviation Fellowship, director of Fairhaven Ministries and current associate pastor of congregational care. Kevin also is a Moody Aviation alumnus, having graduated from Moody in 1978.

When given a chance to respond to the award, he told the current Moody students about his graduating class, noting how many alumni continue to serve as pastors, trainers, teachers, and evangelists.

"Why haven't we retired? We could say we've done enough," Swanson says. "The answer lies in this room, in the middle name: Moody <u>Bible</u> Institute."

He explained how Moody didn't let students fly planes until they learned the Bible. "We are men of the Bible. And when God gives a call, He doesn't take it back!" Preachers take note!



₹ C. Sugar

 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Bisquick

2 Tbsp. Butter

1 Can Evaporated Milk

2 Eggs

1 Can Pumpkin (15-16 oz.)

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Pumpkin Pie Spice (may already be in the Can of Pumpkin? Read label.) 2 tsp. Vanilla

Grease pie plate. Put all ingredients in blender. Whip for one minute. Pour into a 10" pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees until a knife in center comes out clean, probably 50-55 minutes. (No crust pie, easy to make!)

-Compliments of Karen Hassert



Never boil coffee. It brings out acids and leaves a bitter taste. Decaf coffee will change to a burnt taste when left in the carafe too long. Store ground coffee in the refrigerator or freezer to keep it fresh.

If serving appetizers buffet style or the seating is limited, consider no-mess finger foods that do not require utensils to eat.

Fresh lemon juice will remove onion scent from hands. Spray your grill with non stick cooking spray before

grilling to avoid sticking.

To get the most juice out of lemons, bring them to room temperature and roll them under the palms of your hands against the kitchen counter before cutting and squeezing.

When making fresh lemonade one lemon yields about 1/4 cup juice, while one orange yields about 1/3 cup of juice.

Give older breads, buns or sweet rolls a renewed freshness. Wrap in a paper towel moistened by a few drops of water. Put in microwave for about 20 seconds.

Don't let your hard earned life-savings go into a probate bureaucracy! NOT PLANNING is a plan, but it is NOT a very good plan! Leave a legacy for your family & favorite ministries. When planning a legacy, give Terry L. Balko a call at 404-229-1645 or email Mr. Balko for forms and details at terrylbalko@gmail.com.

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"God has made everything beautiful in His time; He also has set eternity in their (human) hearts, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end" –Ecclesiastes 3:11.

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Rev. David J. Bauer's Director's Itinerary



Oct. 8 Community Bible Church, Warsaw, IN 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Service

Oct 15 Prairie Bible Church, Delavan, IL 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

We have BRM team members ready to supply pulpits as needed; Give BRM a call as needed for a good preacher! 708-579-3800/3801

The Lighter Side – **Two Farmers:**

Two farmers met up during an agricultural convention. One was from Pennsylvania, the other from Texas.

PA Guy: Back home I got a 40 acre spread.

TX Guy: Aw, you ain't got nothing – my spread in Texas is so big that I get in my pickup in the morning and I don't get to the other side of my ranch until the sun goes down!

PA Guy: Yea, I used to have a pickup truck like that too...

Preachers:

A pastor was known to have a Bible verse for everything that happened. One Sunday as he was preaching, a bug flew into his mouth. He gulped and said, "He was a stranger and I took him in."

Words on Cemetery Markers:

"He died learning" (on a Scientist's gravestone)

"This is the last cavity he filled" (a dentist)

"Remember, friend, when passing by,

As you are now, so once was I.

As I am now, soon you will be, Prepare for death and follow me."

(let us follow the right leader –Revelation 14:13)

BRM Field Report #10

We know summer is over, when church boards start meeting again and our phone is ringing and messages are plenty!

A pastor in an out of state church is moving into his own home. He asked BRM to explain to his board that he needs a housing allowance above and beyond his present salary so he can pay for housing expenses. He has lived in a parsonage for over 10 years and the church has grown to a level where they can support this development. It is a good thing when a pastor buys his own local home. This signifies a pastor is committed to the church!

A local pastor of a healthy growing church found himself under attack by a malicious woman, who gave a completely false testimony and accusation towards pastor and his family. BRM and the church insurance company stepped in to get legal help for the pastoral family and the matter was resolved.

Last spring, a church in Indiana had a pastoral candidate excuse himself from candidacy mainly because he received two "no" votes on a congregational vote. However, God has sent this church another viable candidate recently. We can pray that he will be completely committed to that church and its community.

In a local church, a new pastor resigned on a Monday morning by email, effective immediately. Imagine the shock to the church members, when BRM had to announce the next Sunday morning that their new pastor had resigned? And this pastor had received a unanimous vote of confidence from the congregation when he was a candidate!

There are a lot of abilities we may have. There is sociability, compatibility, accountability, adaptability and reliability. These may be all important. But the greatest ability of all is *AVAILABILITY*. If we are not *available* to God, no matter what other kind of ability we have, it is no good. Ability without *availability* is a liability. There is <u>no limit</u> to what God can do and accomplish through a willing person!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer Psalm 16:11
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