Faith Over Fear

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Foundational Scripture
Psalm 23 (Amplified Bible)
1THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack. 2He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters. 3He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him--not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake. 4Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me. 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over. 6Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

- **As long as we live, we will have opportunities to fear!**
- **As long as we live, we will have valley moments.**
- **As long as we live we will have opportunities to choose faith over fear.**

- **A life controlled by fear can be destructive to your purpose and vision. Why?____**
- **A life controlled (or walked) by faith opens up unlimited possibilities.**

Definition
- **Fear - a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc., whether the threat is real or imagined; the feeling or condition of being afraid.**

Fear is a Spirit
2 Timothy 1:7 (New King James Version)
7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 (Amplified Bible)
7For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

Fear Causes:

- **discomfort**
- **depression**
- **doubt**
- **dishonesty**
- **danger**
- **disease**