



Living Out God's Vision!

CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.

Day 12, Thursday, August 17th —Find Freedom

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 ESV

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:15 ESV

Fear is a powerful emotion. Some people fear things like bugs and animals, and some fear heights or confined spaces. I've met people who fear walking out of their own houses afraid of *what could happen*. Fear for many people is debilitating. Something that new and old Christians ask themselves is, "Should someone who believes in God live in fear?" The simple answer is no. We no longer have to live in fear. The one living God has given us His word, tools through prayer, and His one and only son so that we can live a life in His mercy and grace. He removed His people from slavery to live in freedom from oppression and fear.

If there is one thing to remember, it is that fear never comes from God; fear comes from Satan. Satan uses our own minds and thoughts to implement fear to draw each of us away from God's plan for our lives. Satan tries to fill us with doubt and insecurities. When we live in fear, we are in bondage to that fear and cannot live into God's plan for us. Resist the enemy's attempt to control your mind and instead put your trust in the Lord and His plan. We don't want to move in the flesh, but in God's will and timing. When God is moving in your life, don't let fear keep you from moving with Him.

Like Isaiah 41:10 says "fear not, for I am with you..." Jesus will lead you out of bondage and into liberation. He wants you to be free! He will help you face your fears and take you by the hand. Reach for Him. Let's be ready to let go, and let God!

Father God, you are powerful and mighty! Thank you for your sovereignty, mercy, and love. We live in a world that is broken and can feel scary. Sometimes we forget to trust you, and we get lost in fear. It consumes us and can paralyze us. Help us to remember your promises, your power, and your deep desire for us to trust you and not be afraid. We pray this day for all who are living in fear. Lord, help to lift their worries and fears that keep them trapped and prevent them – all of us – from living in freedom into the lives and plans you have for us. Remind us to stop and pray every time we begin to fear and instead of being afraid that we would seek you, trust you, and be confident that you have each of us and those we love, in every situation. Lord, give us wisdom to choose and act as you would lead us, in your will, your confidence and your strength. With thanks, in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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