



THE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYBOOK | PRINCIPLE #5

FEAR IS THE ENEMY OF YOUR SUCCESS

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,
but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

When you're a person of vision (and you are!), the enemy will use one of his oldest tactics to derail you: Fear.

The enemy knows that **when you become fearful, your eyes start looking at your circumstances, and your mind begins fixating on negative outcomes.** But God has given you a way to overcome fear...with Championship Faith!

We read an account in the Gospels where Jesus and His disciples were crossing a lake, when a powerful storm threatened their lives. The disciples were filled with fear, even though Jesus was with them...

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mark 4:35-40, NLT).

That question from Jesus must have pierced His disciples to their souls. He basically said, "You have no reason to be afraid. I am here with you...but **where's your Championship Faith?**"

Fear can distort not only your natural vision, but also your spiritual vision. That's why it's such a common tactic of the enemy. But Jesus says that **no matter what comes your way, God is with you.** Time and again in The WORD,

God tells His people, “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand” (Isaiah 41:10, NLT).

Now it’s your turn to stand with Championship Faith and believe Him. You can take authority over fear (Luke 10:19), speak The WORD (Mark 11:23) and watch the devil flee (James 4:7).


—Pastor George



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Father, I thank You that fear has NO PLACE in my life because You have not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline. I take authority over every fearful thought and replace it with Championship Faith in Your promises. I declare that I walk in boldness, confidence and victory...because I know You are always with me!

Think back to a time when fear affected your mindset and choices. How can you apply God's promises when fear like that tries to creep in?

What areas of your life and vision is God calling you to step out in faith instead of fear?

Search The WORD and find three promises you can meditate on that strengthen your confidence in God's presence and protection. Write them below.
