

Don't Be Afraid; Be Ready

Are you living under a cloud of fear? Why are you afraid?

- I'm afraid I'll lose my job.
- I'm afraid my family or I will get sick.
- I'm afraid of what will become of this country.
- I'm afraid for my children's future.
- I'm afraid of rejection or even persecution.
- I'm afraid for the church.
- I'm afraid to die.

You can try to handle these fears in your own way, but you won't overcome them until you trust God. He tells us how to prepare for everything we may fear.

You might lose your job, but the Lord says,

Matthew 6:31-33 – ³¹“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ ³²For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

You and the people you love will grow old, get sick, and die unless the Lord comes first. Don't be afraid of these things, but get ready for them.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 – ⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This nation may become utterly corrupted and faith in Christ may be outlawed, but do not be afraid. Just be ready.

1 Peter 3:14-15 – ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, ¹⁵but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

Don't let fear control you. Instead, submit yourself to God through faithful obedience to the Lord Jesus. Then, you can take courage in the face of any fear,

⁵...for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,” ⁶so that we confidently say, “The LORD is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5-6).

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Isaiah 41:10 – “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”