



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 34 – Shadow of Fear
August 15, 2021

Fear and love do not mix.

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love.*

Fear is the opposite of love.

Fear is not from God.

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ *For God has not given us a spirit of **fear**, but of power and of **love** and of a sound mind.*

Courage is being afraid, yet moving forward in faith anyway.

God is love.

1 John 4:8

⁸ *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

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If God is love, and there is no fear in love - anything having to do with fear is not of God!

Fear often aligns with how we see ourselves.

Fear is a learned response.

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

Fear has to do with punishment.

Fear is more familiar to us than love because of shame.

Fear is a liar!

We must learn to replace the lie with the truth!



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We must learn to redefine ourselves in God's truth!

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴ *Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!*

*Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!*

¹⁵ *The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.*

*The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.*

¹⁶ *On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,*

*"Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.*

¹⁷ *The LORD your God is with you,
He is mighty to save.*

*He will take great delight in you;
He will quiet you with his love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."*

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and instead calms His child.

Fear is death - love is life.

"I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath--these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely--these are my native air. But I, who am simple of mind, think I know; We are inwardly constructed in nerve and tissue, brain cell and soul, for faith and not for fear. God made us that way. To live by worry is to live against reality."

Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

Choose life.

Deuteronomy 30:19

¹⁹ *This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live*

"God, I choose You over fear."

