

MOVING PAST YOUR FEARS

- YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1 John 4:16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. 18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

19 We love each other because he loved us first.

REVIEW:

Topic: Using Your Gift To Make a Difference

Scripture: I Timothy 4:14 (NASB)

Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

Matthew 25:21 (NASB)

“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

1. You are the Lord’s Servant

2. You are Unique- Romans 12:6

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

3. You are Greatly Gifted

4. You Must Put Your Gifts to Work- 1 Peter 4:10

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms”

How? First identify your gifts/talents// Identify your passion// Find a Need, Meet It

5. You Will Succeed If You Try

6. You Will Have to Give An Account

INTRODUCTION

MY GUESS IS THAT MOST OF US WHO AREN'T ACTIVELY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IS BECAUSE OF SOME TYPE OF FEAR.

**FEAR OF JUDGEMENT.....FEAR OF FAILURE
FEAR OF PUNISHMENT.....FEAR OF REJECTION**

WHILE WE ARE DETERMINED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE, WE DON'T WANT YOU TO DO THAT DAMAGED, BROKEN AND UNHEALTHY. THERE ARE ALREADY LOTS OF CHRISTIANS DOING THINGS FOR GOD WHILE THEY NEED GOD TO DO SOMETHING IN THEM!

1. FEAR OF PAYING FOR PAST FAILURES

Philippians 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.:13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

EMBRACING FORGIVENESS

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE

GUILT CAN SEND YOU BACK

2. FEAR OF FAILING AGAIN

1 John 1:7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

WE ALL FAIL AGAIN

PRIDE SAYS IF I CAN'T BE PERFECT.....

STRENGTH IS REVEALED IN OUR WEAKNESS

2 Corinthians 12:9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians 12:10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

3. FEAR OF REJECTION

*Isaiah 53:2 My servant grew up in the lord's presence like a tender green shoot,
like a root in dry ground.*

*There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance,
nothing to attract us to him.*

:3 He was despised and rejected—

a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

:4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;

it was our sorrows that weighed him down.

*And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,
a punishment for his own sins!*

REJECTION IS NOT FATAL

REJECTION IS THE DOOR TO DIVINE ACCEPTANCE

Example: Woman Caught in Adultery

REJECTION DOES NOT DETERMINE VALUE

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