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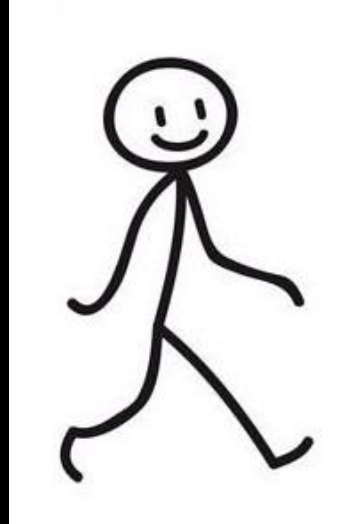
1 John 4:18-21

18 There is **no fear in love**; but perfect love **casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

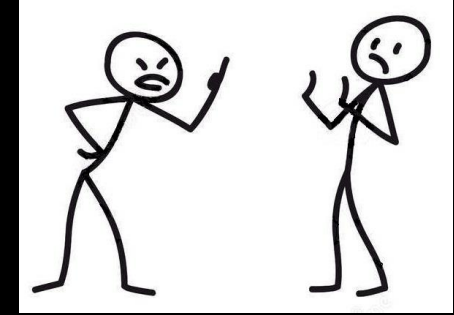
20 If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

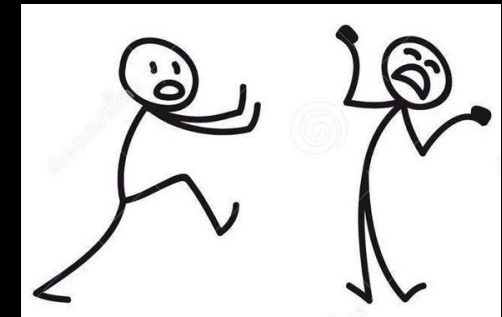


The COURAGE of Fearless Love - Confronts Fear

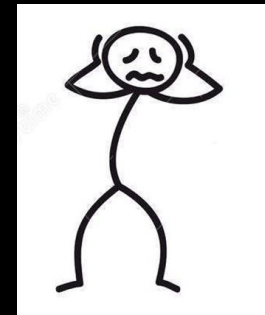
The Fear of Being CONTROLLED

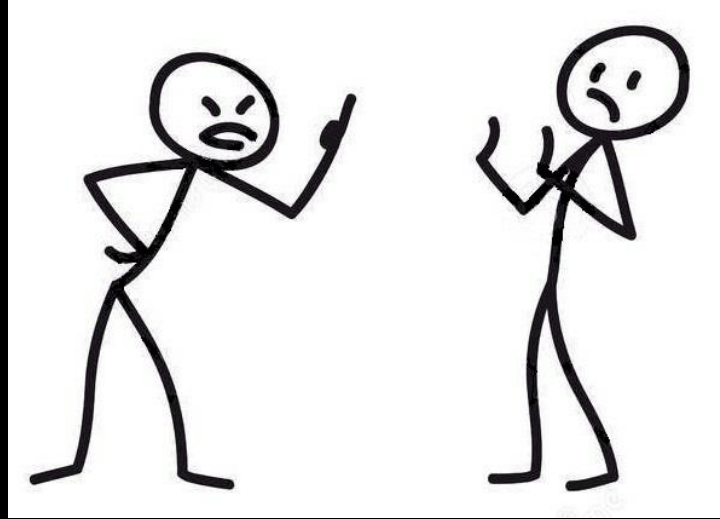


The Fear of Being REJECTED



The Fear of Being HURT AGAIN





The Fear of Being CONTROLLED

Entrusting God With People

Fear of Being CONTROLLED

Who's In Control?

Getting Past the Optics

Matthew 5:38-41

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

**39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek,
turn the other to him also.**

40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.

41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

Luke 22:63-65

63 Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him.

64 And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"

65 And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

John 19:10-11

10 Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”

11 Jesus answered, “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

1 Peter 2:21-23

21 For to this you were called, because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example**, that you should follow His steps:

22 “Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but **committed Himself to Him who judges righteously**;

Romans 12:17-19

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather **give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.**

Controlling What You Can Control

Diffusing the Bomb

Hebrews 12:1-3

- 1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**
- 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**
- 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.**

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and **sympathize and have a shared feeling** with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy and find grace to help** in time of need.

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Colossians 3:12-14

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:15-17

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Matthew 5:43-44, Romans 12:20-21

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you

20 Therefore, “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

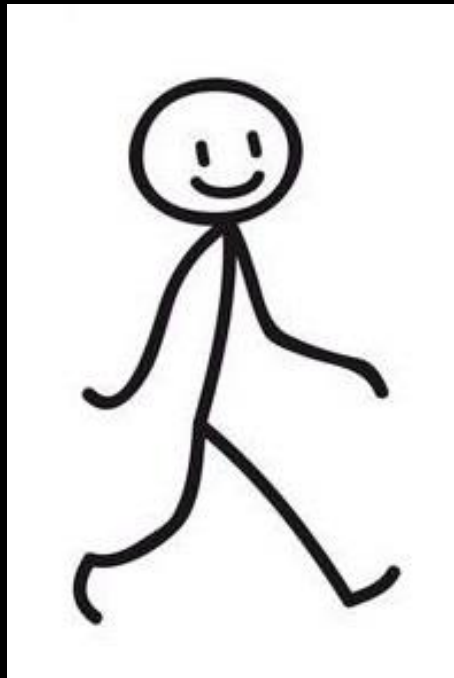
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Ephesians 6:16-18

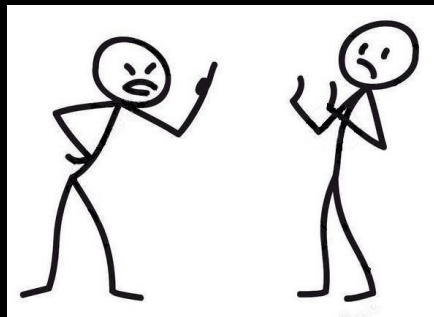
16 above all, taking the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to **quench all the fiery darts** of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints



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The End