Renewing Your Passion for God
You must Be Victorious over Fear
Proverbs 29:25
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Introduction...

Today we close out our series called “Renewing Your Passion for God”

We’ve looked at what it means to have passion for God “deer panting for water”

We’ve looked at the importance of focusing on God and not our problems, hurts, disappointments, etc.
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We’ve looked at what it means to know God and His immeasurable love for us.

We’ve looked at how His love and passion for us leads us to delight in Him.

We’ve looked at how this delight leads us to the next step—a dependence on Him.
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Introduction...

For our passion and delight in Him and dependence on Him to grow, we must find victory over...
Proverbs 29:25

“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.”
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Introduction...

Fear ensnares us—
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Fear ensnares us or imprisons us...

“Whatever we fear most controls us”

FEAR MAKES US DOUBT

When afraid, we doubt God

When afraid, we doubt ourselves

When afraid, we doubt victory

Doubt makes it almost impossible to have a passion for God
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FEAR MAKES US FOCUS ON OURSELVES

When afraid, we don’t think about others

When afraid, we don’t think about God

We think about nothing but ourselves

Children of Israel wished they had stayed in Egypt
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FEAR MAKES US FOCUS ON OURSELVES

When afraid, we blame or accuse others

When afraid, we flee responsibility

Our focus is on ourselves and our safety
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FEAR PARALYZES US

We resist change when we're afraid

“Don't rock the boat”

“We've always done it this way before”

This paralysis keeps us from growing
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FEAR KEEPS US FROM GETTING PAST THE PAST

Children of Israel wanted to go back to the “good ole days” in Egypt

Wanted to return, to retreat

Choose bondage over “freedom”

The past controls the present
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Fear ensnares us or imprisons us...

God wants us to move—

From Fear... to Freedom
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The Bible says

"DO NOT FEAR"

365 times.

That's enough for one each day of the year...

Trust in God will conquer fear
Psalm 56:3-4

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear.”
“Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘For YAH, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.””
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Trust in God conquers fear...

“whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe”

Why is this so hard for us?
We trust God with our eternal souls, yet not our daily needs

When Jesus rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith, He was referring to their failure to trust Him in the midst of fear.
Psalm 27:1

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”
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Trust in God conquers fear...

"whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe"

To trust God, we must keep our focus on Him

He is bigger than all our problems and fears

To keep our focus on Him, we must choose to spend time with Him
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Trust in God conquers fear...

“whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe”

To trust God, we must embrace His unfailing love for us

God is perfect love and perfect in the way He loves

Embracing His love means we trust His heart and knowing He wants the best
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Trust in God conquers fear...

“whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe”

To trust God, we must delight in Him

We must place Him above everything else

We must spend time with Him--prayer and His Word

We must commit our ways to Him
Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”
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Trust in God conquers fear...

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To trust God, we must depend on Him

We must humble ourselves before him

We must recognize our need

We must trust God to meet that need
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For Us...

Know that fears will come

Know the dangers of fear

Enslaves us

Makes us doubt

Changes our focus to ourselves

Paralyzes us

Keeps us from getting past the past
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For Us...

Know that we can have victory over fear

Focus on God

Embrace His love

Delight in Him

Depend on Him

Conquering fear fuels a passion for God
Isaiah 41:10

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”
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You will be victorious over fear when you...