

1 Sam 17:1-11
"Faith Is Greater
than Fear"

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1. Introduction

a. Math constant Faith $\propto \frac{k}{\text{Fear}}$

b. Goliath is champion
of Philistine army

c. Battleground in Valley of Elah
between Philistines & Israel

d. Goliath was a giant of a man
- height = 6 cu + 1 span (over 8 feet)
- coat of mail = 5000 shekels (122 LB)
- iron spearhead = 600 shekels (15 LB)

e. Fear has elements of worry &
anxiety

- human body response = fight/flight

- fear can over rule logic or
reasoning in your mind

- fear can bring person to feel
hopeless and/or paralyzed in mind

- Heb 13:6 I will not fear. What can
man do to me? The Lord is my Helper

- Other Scripture verses = Ps 56:3;
Deut 31:6-8, 23; Josh 1:5-6

f. Both King Saul & his army dismayed
(filled with trepidation) and greatly
afraid

2. Faith & Fear

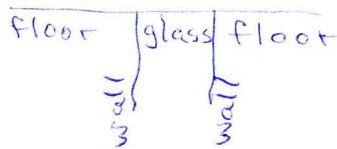
a. Proper balance between the two

b. Fear is a natural reaction built
into human body

- famous experiment with
crawling babies

* babies would
not cross the
"canyon" under
the glass

* natural fear of
"falling" for self
preservation



c. God calls Christian to trust Him
for the future, for guidance in
moral law, for human courtesy
& kindness

2d. Problem of fear for evil or good

- ↳ Excessive fear/unnatural fear
 - * fear of the future
 - * fear of the present
 - * fear of feeling helpless

- ↳ Normal fear response
 - * alerts body to possible danger
 - * important survival to stay alive
 - * fight or flight

- ↳ Prov 29:25 Fear of man brings a snare into your life
 - * what will people think of me?
 - * I can't do anything - fear of self
 - * but putting your trust in God is a place of safety

3. God's Blessings ~~against~~ against fear

a. God's gifts

- Is 26:3 God will keep you in perfect peace
 - * when your mind stays on God
 - * God has everlasting strength
- 1 Jn 4:4 Greater is He [God] who is in you than anyone in the world
- 2 Tim 1:7 God gave us the spirit of power, love, & a sound mind (not fear)

b. Christian's actions against fear

- Ps 9:10 Person who knows Jesus name will put their trust in God
 - * God has not forsaken His people (leaving Christian)
- 1 Tim 6:6-8 Godliness with contentment is great gain
 - * opposite of fear = contented restful mind
 - * be content with food & clothing (necessities of life)
- you brought nothing into this world when born
- you cannot carry anything with you when you die

Is 26:3-4, 1 Tim 1:5, 6:6-8, 2 Tim 1:6-7
LK 16:10
1 Jn 4:4 Rom 10:17
Ps 9:10
Prov 29:25