

**“GOD WILL BLESS WITH PLENTY IN 2020”**

**WORSHIP ● SERVE ● LIVE**

**THE POWER TO OVERCOME FEAR**

Exodus 4:1-21

Fear is the world’s greatest cheater of unrealized dreams. Fear is the destroyer of every pure hope and wish to become somebody. Fear is the party crasher of every unfulfilled desire. FEAR, FEAR, FEAR, FEAR. Fear is the #1 problem that challenges people to arrive at their blessed place. NO BELIEVER WILL BE BLESSED UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR BLESSED PLACE. Fear is the #1 reason that people are not achieving personal satisfaction and human happiness today. **WHAT IS YOUR FEAR TODAY? Catching the virus. The lost of a job. A relationship gone bad. A discouraging medical report. May not graduate with your class. The fear of being broke.**

1. Three **categories** of fear
2. Native fear: it is the natural instinct present in all humans.
3. Objective fear: it originates from a frightening or painful experience that a person had from their past.
4. Subjective fear: it is based on feelings and attitudes suggested to a person by others around them. Subjective fear may be acquired by imitation and illustration that may be transmitted from a parent or close respectful relationship.

**10 common fears:**

1. **The Fear of the unknown – the absence of knowing about an event or a person or the “I don’t know” factor (unresolved suspicion) or “I’m not sure” factor (suspense)**
2. **The Fear of failure – the act of losing or to experience loss**
3. **The Fear of pain – to experience hurt**
4. **The Fear of misery/worry – the absence of satisfaction or the lack of a basic need**
5. **The Fear of loneliness – the lack of someone to share yourself with. (reciprocal social interaction)**
6. **The Fear of ridicule – the object of mockery, bullying, criticism, rebuke or jokes**
7. **The Fear of rejection – to be refused or the feeling of being unwanted**
8. **The Fear of death – the final call**
9. **The Fear of disappointment – a surprised dark unsuspected moment**
10. **The Fear of losing your freedom – unwanted supervision**

The main ingredients or characteristics of fear are many and show up in various ways: doubt, feeling less than the best, worry, anger, anxiety, jealousy, depression, dejection, decadence, derision, delirium, hatred, hopelessness, haunted, self-harassment, hating oneself, mental torment, unbelief, negative attitude, etc, etc, etc.

Moses is our main human character of study today. The life of Moses can be divided into three (3) phases:

1. His life under **self-supervision** of the flesh – 40 years
2. His life under **spiritual supervision** and Divine development – 40 years
3. His life of **servant leadership** with **faith to follow God** to achieve excellence – 40 years (…his best years)

**Moses’ life teaches us how to achieve greatest by first dealing with our fears**. Many Christians struggle with where they want to go, what they want to be and what they want to do. The reason why some people turned out like they did is because they were afraid to leave home to face new territories, new people and new changes. Many people who had fears of leave the familiar and relocating to the unfamiliar did not achieve their best accomplishments in life. The text for study reveals the following: (the text: **God helps Moses to make up his mind to be great)**

1. Know how to **collaborate** with God with your life goal or assignment in mind; vv. 1,2
	1. God is jealous when we turn to others or ourselves for help when He alone desires to give us.
	2. Remember God created you and whatever you have should be used for Him.
2. Let God build up your **confidence** (faith or trust) to work with what you have to achieve what you need to do; vv. 3-5
3. Believe that God is in full **control** of who you are, what you have and what you will use to achieve your life goals; vv. 6-9
4. Do not **change** God’s plan to use you with the idea or suggestion to get someone else to do what He wants you to achieve; vv.10-17 (13)
5. Be willing to **challenge** your fear(s) to become the champion God made you to be; vv. 18-21
	1. God made Moses ready to **GO BACK** to confront what he ran from in Egypt.
	2. Moses gets a release from Jethro to **GO BACK** to his purpose and pursue his passion…….leading people
	3. God will supply all that is needed to overcome fear. II Timothy 1:7
	4. Jesus challenged and overcame fear in Gethsemane to become our champion…out of the tomb on Sunday morning.

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