

Be Mot Afraid

In one word, share

Something you're afraid of...



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"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. **Do not be afraid**; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

There is no fear in love. But <u>perfect love drives out</u> <u>fear</u>, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from some members of the Freedmen's Synagogue...and they began to argue with Stephen.

They yelled at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and together rushed against him. They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

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Sometimes, your fears are unfounded.

Then <u>they secretly persuaded</u> some men to say, "We heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God."...<u>They also presented false</u> <u>witnesses</u> who said, "This man never stops speaking against this holy place and the law..." I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

Fear Test: What would God say about this fear?

#2

Sometimes, your fears are beyond your control.

And all who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him and saw that his face was <u>like the face of an angel</u>.

The more you fear losing control, the more you are controlled by fear!

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; And wisdom to know the difference."

The Serenity Prayer

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

#3

At all times, your fears are in God's control.



While they were stoning Stephen, he called out: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" He knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And after saying this, he died.



The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people ... and redeemed them. to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to **serve him without fear** in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

What if we weren't afraid anymore?

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