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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT
Lesson # 2

“Faith vs. Fear”

Mount Pisgah, be keenly aware that there are “two” dominate and opposing spirits in the world:

A. One is called the **“Spirit of Faith”**.

1). II Corinthians 4:13- “We having the same **spirit of fear**, according as it is written, I believe, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; (KJV).

B. The other is called the **“Spirit of Fear”**.

1). II Timothy 1:7- “For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”. (KJV).

QUESTION FOR THOUGHT: Which one seems to be dominating your life?

We must understand how a person receives a “spirit of faith”, or a “spirit of fear”?

I. The Spirit of Fear Comes by What You Hear, See or Think About.

Mount Pisgah, the spirit of fear comes from the _____. It automatically comes when you listen to the _____ of Satan.

1). II Timothy 1:7- “For **God hath not** given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”. (KJV).

If all day long you listen to negative news, think negative thoughts, and focus on negative things, then you will definitely have a spirit of fear.

We have been given the follow instructions in the word of God: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**, and if there be any virtue, and if there be ant praise, **think on these things**”. **Philippians 4:8** (KJV).

II. The Spirit of Faith Also Comes by What You Hear, See or Think About.

The spirit of faith automatically comes when you when you listen to, and hear the word of God. Your greatest _____ against the devil will be to _____ hear the word of God through sermons, bible study, Sunday school, etc...

1). **Romans 10:17-** “So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and **hearing by the word of God**”.

POINT TO PONDER: Many times, **unexpected** problems show up.

___ yes ___ no Have you ever had a sudden, unexpected problem to show up in your life?

PAUSE: Pause and take time to think about the last unexpected problem that showed up in your life.

1). **II Kings 6:14-17-**

The King of Syria (the enemy) surrounded the city of Israel (God’s people), and note what happens:

(vs. 14-15)- “Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about: (vs. 15) “And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! **How (what) shall we do?**

Question: Why was the servant **afraid**? Because of what he _____.

(vs. 16)- “And he answered, **Fear not:** for **they** that be **with us** are **more** than they that be **with them**”.

POINT # 1- When you have a spirit of fear, you can only see the visible.

(vs. 17a)- “And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, **open his eyes**, that he may **see**. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw:

The servant wasn’t physically blind. His lack of faith caused him to only be able to see _____ things.

QUESTION TO CONTEMPLATE: ___ yes ___no Is it possible for your physical eyes to be open, and still be unable to see?

Explain your answer. _____

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The servant was looking at the _____. But the victory is always won in the _____ arena.

POINT # 2- When you have the spirit of faith, you are able to see the invisible.

(vs. 17b)- and, **behold**, the mountain was **full** of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha”. The mountain was full of warrior angles.

Our focus cannot not be on the visible things that we see every day. The victory is always won in the spiritual realm.

1). **II Corinthians 5:7-** “For we walk by **faith**, not by **sight**”.

2). **II Corinthians 4:17-18-** (vs. 17)- “For our **light** affliction, which is but for a **moment**, worketh for us a far exceeding and eternal weight of glory: (vs. 18) “While we look **not** at the things which are **seen**, but at things which are **not seen**; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Whenever you cannot figure out what God is up to; always know that He is up to **SOMETHING!** And 100% of the time, it will take **FAITH** to be able to see it.

- **ANSWER KEY TO FILL IN THE BLANK STATEMENTS:**

Mount Pisgah, the spirit of fear comes from the **devil**. It automatically comes when you listen to the **voice** of Satan.

Your greatest **defense** against the devil will be to **consistently** hear the word of God through sermons, bible study, Sunday school, etc...

Why was the servant afraid? Because of what he **saw**.

The servant wasn't physically blind. His lack of faith caused him to only be able to see **physical** things.

The servant was looking at the **physical**. But the victory is always won in the **spiritual** arena.