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Show Me Your Fear
Psalm 23

Most Common Fears:

Death	Heights	The Unknown	Confined Spaces	Snakes
Dogs	Needles	Failure	Public Speaking	Intimacy

Psalm 23:4(NASB 1995), *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

Why We Must Overcome Fear

1. Fear _____ US

Matthew 8:23-26(NASB 1995), *When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.*

2. Fear _____ US

1 Peter 5:6-8(NASB 1995), *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

3. Fear _____ US

Genesis 15:1(NASB 1995), *After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."*

4. Fear _____ US

Psalm 112:6-8(NASB 1995), *For he will never be shaken; The righteous will be remembered forever. He will not fear evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is upheld, he will not fear, Until he looks with satisfaction on his adversaries.*



The Twenty Third Psalm

(paraphrased by Carl Baumer)

Lord, You are my shepherd. I shall not want, because You are the supplier of my needs. As I read Your Word often and digest it in whole, it leads me in life-changing instructions applicable in all aspects of my life; everyday living, relationships, work, play, and eternal standing with You.

Knowing You personally gives me an overwhelming peace of mind, as if I am continually being refreshed in green pastures and fresh spring waters. My soul is restored, my mind is renewed, and my body is refreshed.

I praise You for the day's activities, and as I give You all my worries and concerns, I sleep well rested. Your Spirit leads me in all the right ways to go, as I press on throughout my day, giving praise and glory to Your Name!

Even though I walk through some valleys of deepest despair, hard situations, frightening experiences, valleys of depression, visions of death...I shall fear no evil for you are with me. I have accepted Your gift of eternal life which overshadows any fears of the valleys of death. I fear no evil for Your Love conquers fear.

Your Rod is a ruler to measure my steps. Your precepts, commandments and laws, and Your everlasting covenant, direct my path. Your Staff pulls me from the brink of destruction and prods and taps me in the way I should go.

You anoint my head with oil, giving me wisdom and understanding of right thinking, what to say and when I need to say it. You present opportunities to share my testimony and give witness of my faith in You and Your wondrous Ways.

My cup overflows with Your words of hope and encouragement. Your love spills out of me like a flowing river. Surely Your goodness and favor, Your unfailing mercy and love, shall follow me all the days and nights of my life, and I shall continue to dwell in Your presence and in Your Heavenly Kingdom, forever and ever.

Praise be to You, Oh God. Amen.

In case you missed them...

Answers: 1. Drains 2. Devours 3. Exposes 4. Paralyzes