

“Perfect Love Drives Out Fear”

40 Days of Love Part 7
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Please open your Bible or smart device to Matthew 4:1-11

*“There is **no fear in love.***

*But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.
The one who fears is not made perfect in love” (1 John 4:18)*

There are two basic kinds of fear:

1. R _____
2. P _____

F-E-A-R =False Evidence Appearing Real

*“...the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and **I was afraid** because I was naked; **so I hid**” (Genesis 3:9-10)*

How to navigate the fear in your life

1. G_____ A_____ with God

*“Then Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the desert to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1).*

*²⁸ “**Come to me**, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you **rest**.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and **humble in heart**, and you will find **rest** for your souls” (Matthew 11:28).*

Several biblical ways to get alone with God: Prayer – Worship - Bible reading – Podcasts – Be still and “know” - Fasting

2. _____ Activity

“So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken” (Genesis 3:23).

3. S_____

“It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (V. 4)

“Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test” (v. 7).

*“Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! **For it is written:** ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only” (v. 10).*

4. Command it to _____

*“¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “**Away from me, Satan!**”*

“Forget Everything And Run” or “Face Everything And Rise”

*1. “**Trust in the LORD with all your heart** and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

*2. “**So do not fear**, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).*

*3. “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” (Joshua 1:9).*

*4. “**But when I am afraid**, I will put my trust in you” (Psalm 56:3).*

*5. “**Do not be anxious about anything**, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6-7)*

How to begin a relationship with Jesus...

Admit that you’ve sinned (missed the mark of perfection) (Rom3:23)

Believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)

Choose Jesus. Choose to Love God above all (Matthew 22:37, Eph. 5:1)