

FEAR NOT!

This article was written in May 2020, a couple of months into the Covid-19 pandemic.

Some in our society want to pitch our lifestyle, or modus operandi, during the pandemic as the “new normal,” but I’m not willing to give in to fear, or whatever else, without a spiritual fight. *Check out www.unite714.com.*

I’ve learned it’s usually “fear talking” when one wants to give in without putting up a fight, or at least exercising some righteous show of resistance. Did you know The Word of God contains seventy-one (71) instances where God said, “don’t be afraid” (“fear not”)? Yes, it does. Shown below are a “hand full” of Biblical reasons to **“fear not!”**

1. “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you ...” (Is. 41:10).

I know how secure I felt as a child if either my Dad or Mom was there. In my eyes, they could handle any situation or problem with ease. When I was with them, nothing could make me fear.

How much more should the presence of God Almighty dispel any fears we might have. God says, “Do not fear, I am with you!” When fears try to come your way, don’t be afraid. Why? Because whatever wants to get to you must get through God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit first.

2. “... I will strengthen you, help you ... and uphold you” (Is. 41:10).

Perhaps you’re crying out, “Lord, I’m going under; I can’t make it.” God says, “Yes, I can, I will help you.”

Or like Peter sinking under the waves, you feel, “Lord, I’m sinking. Everything around me is going wrong.” God says, “I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” And just as Jesus reached out and took sinking Peter by the hand (Matt. 14:31), God will take hold of you and rescue you.

3. “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you ... you are mine” (Is. 43:1).

Some 2,000 years ago God bought you (Acts 20:28), He redeemed you, with the price of Jesus’ blood that was shed for your (and my) sins. That’s how much He cares for you. You are His, He says! So, you can safely believe His promise: “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you” (Heb 13:5) and can declare with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” (Heb. 13:6).

God’s got this, or whatever else satan wants to throw your way. You’re on the “winning team.”

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