

## FAITH OVER FEAR

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, “Abba, Father.” *Romans 8:15*

Our first job is to see correctly who we are and then do it. That will probably take more courage than to be mother Teresa. To be really faithful to that truth is utterly difficult and takes immense courage and humility. The most faithful and courageous thing we will ever do is to bear humbly the mystery of our own reality. That is everybody’s greatest cross.  
*Richard Rohr Everything Belongs*

If we are not willing to be led through our fears and anxieties, we will never see or grow. We must always move from one level to a level we don’t completely understand yet. The greatest barrier to our growth is our comfort and control at the one we are at now.  
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Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. *Joshua 1:6*

A lot that is called faith and obedience is grounded in fear. When I get underneath the religious language I find it is often fear: fear of being wrong, fear of being rejected, and fear of not being “in” or belonging. Ultimately it is fear of a God who has not been experienced.  
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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*

We usually see life through our fears. Fear of what I might not be. Fear of what I might see. Fear I won’t be successful, or fear of being hurt. This is not a great teeth chattering fear. Our fear is in the service of all the little ways we have learned to protect our false self. But love is who we really are. We will never see the love we really are, our foundation, if we keep living out of our false self of self – protection and overreaction.  
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There is no fear in love. But perfect love cast out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. *I John 4:18*