

Faith over Fear

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (KJV) - ⁹ And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. ¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. To my fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. As we look at today's text in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, I would like to share from the topic "Faith over Fear."

According to the text, we find out that Jabez is not only honorable, but more honorable than his brothers. In fact, his mother called him "Jabez" because she bore him in pain. Did you know that God can bless you in the midst of your pain? O' Yes. It's something about pain that causes our prayer life to not only have zeal, focus, and attentiveness, but a renewed sense of calling out to God with an objective. YES... our prayers have an element of time sensitivity. ***"God, I need thee every hour... Most gracious Lord. No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford. (I don't know about nobody else, but...) I NEED THEE, O' I NEED THEE. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior. I come to Thee."*** There is something about pain that ushers us into the seriousness of our relationship with an On-Time God. ***Faith over Fear.*** Faith is defined as complete trust or confidence in someone or something. Faith is a strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof. Hebrews 11:1-3 says "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." You've got to believe. You've got to have faith in the Lord our God. Because without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6) **Faith over Fear.**

Fear is defined as an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat. I want you to understand that the Lord didn't give you that... He didn't give you fear. The scripture teach us that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) Faith over Fear. If you've been operating in fear, stop right now and understand that you have been under attack. God is more for you than the whole world against you. You have got to encourage yourself in the lord and remind yourself daily of 2 Timothy 1:7. Jabez sought out and called on the God of Israel, saying 'Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and

that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. And God granted him that which he requested.' That powerful prayer can be condensed into one thought... "Faith over Fear." The same God that answered Jabez prayer can answer your prayers too. Blessings in the Church. Blessings in your family. Blessings in your body. Blessings in your finances. Blessings on your job. Blessings in your relationships. Blessings when you wake up. Blessings when you go to bed. Blessings when you come in. Blessings when you go out. Blessings, Blessings, Blessings. You see, your faith is greater than your fears. Can I get a witness? Stand up and say "God, I have decided to trust in you with all my heart. God – Your will for my life. Nothing more, Nothing less, and Nothing else." One of the dangers we often face is the danger of procrastination. Don't wait until tomorrow or next week. Get on the battlefield of life and strive to do all the Lord has purposed in your heart. Do it today!!! I believe it was Daniel X. O'Neil who said *"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."* This is biblical principle because you are doing great works to the least and the Lord said you've done it unto me. (Matthew 25:40) Hallelujah, to the Lamb of God. Faith over Fear.

In closing, why simply go through the motions of life, avoiding success because of the fears of failing. The reality is that all have failed in some way shape, or form. In the journey of life... **"All have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) The key is ask God for forgiveness and keep going forward. We do this by keeping our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ, and being in relationship with Him, who has redeemed us from sin." Faith over Fear. Good God Almighty, God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3b). Jesus said, anyone who listens to His message and believes in God who sent Jesus Christ has eternal life, and will never be damned for his sins, but has already passed out of death into life. (John 5:24) Church, I'm so glad I found the Lord Jesus in time. Your faith is stronger than your fears. Rise Up in Jesus Name and be Successful – The Victory is Yours. Faith over Fear!!!