

# The Struggles that Surround us - 10

*This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.*

<b>STRUGGLE</b>
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<b>Fear</b>
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*"Fear" is used two ways in the Bible:*

- a. Fear of earthly troubles what affect our physical & spiritual lives.*
- b. Fear of God*
  - (1). Fear of what God might to do them.*
  - (2). Honor & reverence God in worship, obedience, and respect.*

## ***THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON WHAT PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF.***

*"Fear" in Greek means "frightful, alarmed, faithless & timid". The word comes from our English word "Phobia". A phobia is a feeling of being afraid of something when you are not really sure why (like a irrational aversion to something).*

### **1. What are people afraid of (section 1)? Match reason with verse.**

- a. Social ridicule  Matt. 10:26
- b. Satanic influences  Matt. 14:26
- c. Somebody threatening bodily harm  Matt. 10:28
- d. Something weird & unexplainable  Matt. 1:20
- e. People in general  Matt. 21:26

### **2. What are people afraid of (Section 2):**

- a. John 19:38 Of their own friends & associates?  Yes  No
- b. John 20:19 Of religious leaders & clergy?  Yes  No
- c. Acts 5:11 Of their hypocrisy being exposed?  Yes  No
- d. Heb. 2:15 Death?  Yes  No

### **3. What are people afraid of (Section 3): Pick the verse**

- a. An impossible & unnatural event  Philippians 1:14
- b. An unexplainable happening  Matt. 28:5
- c. A disruption of their lifestyle  Luke 21:26
- d. The death of a relative  Luke 8:37
- e. Future events  Luke 1:12
- f. Sharing about God with someone  2 Tim. 1:7
- g. Being weak, powerless, and not loving  Luke 8:50

4. Why were these Biblical characters afraid?

- a. Moses Exodus 3-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Gideon Judges 6-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c. Jeremiah Jer. 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- d. Centurion Luke 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- e. Woman<sub>(Unclean)</sub> Matt. 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- f. Woman<sub>(Samaritan)</sub> John 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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*There's lots of fear in the Bible; there's lots of fear in the world (in me too).*

5. What scares you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*God knows we will be afraid of stuff. If not, why is "fear not" in the Bible so many times? You and I will be afraid.*

6. Write out 1 John 4:18. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*If we love God (trust Him when afraid and tell Him so), His love will defeat the fear. We will do this over and over for the rest of our lives.*

7. Here's some encouragement. Match to the verses.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| a. God is with you                    | WITH       | ___ Zeph. 3:17    |
| b. God can still a storm              | STORM      | ___ Psalm 55:22   |
| c. With God nothing is impossible     | IMPOSSIBLE | ___ Psalm 23:4    |
| d. The Creator values you             | VALUE      | ___ Romans 8:28   |
| e. God has a plan                     | PLAN       | ___ Genesis 50:20 |
| f. God is holding your hand           | HOLD       | ___ Matt. 19:26   |
| g. God loves you                      | LOVE       | ___ Isaiah 41:13  |
| h. God is full of mercy               | MERCY      | ___ Matt. 6:26    |
| i. God promised to hold you up        | PROMISED   | ___ Ps. 107:28-29 |
| j. God promised "good" for your life. | GOOD       | ___ Psalm 138:8   |