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The Living God

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“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

God is not one to waste or speak idle words. He tells us not to be afraid and discouraged for a reason. The enemy is all about working these spirits in our life which steal our abundant life, joy and peace!

Society always lives with potential fears looming – terrorists, bird flu, gas prices, etc. Add to that unanswered or delayed prayers and we have fear, discouragement and a passive “What’s the use?” attitude arising in us. Imagine us, the children of THE LIVING GOD arriving at a defeatist thought of “What’s the use?”! Can you fathom it? The children of THE LIVING GOD filled with the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead and quickens our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11) **GIVING UP?**

You know you must withstand fear because it wants to take your life and leave you cowering in a corner while he opens the door for everything he’s threatened to run amuck in your life. Let me address unanswered and delayed prayers. The enemy wants to jump in here to make us think that God has forgotten us, doesn’t care or can’t do what His word promises. Lies, lies and more lies.

In the book of Judges, Samson found a girl among the Philistines that appealed to him and he asked his parents to get her for him to marry. They were concerned because she was a Philistine, but read what *Judges 14:4* says, **“But his (Samson’s) father and mother knew not that it was of the Lord, that He sought an occasion against the Philistines for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.”** Remember the Children of Israel in Egypt and the plagues? Over and over, God defeated the gods of Egypt. Even when the Israelites were let go, the Egyptians chased them to the Red Sea. The Israelites thought they were doomed. God had other plans. He not only made dry land in the seabed, He destroyed the Egyptians and they would never see them again!!!!

You may think you are in defeat. You may feel like things will never change, BUT GOD may be seeking an occasion to bait the enemy and destroy him!!! The enemy gets lustful and wants victory and he will eventually overplay his hand. He usually tries to work under radar so we don’t pick him up – making us sick when the flu is going around; bringing lack when the

economy goes down; bringing fear when there are things to fear; suggesting discouragement when things aren't going the way we envisioned. If we don't recognize his work, we'll not take authority over it. Don't forget we're terrorists to the kingdom of darkness – ***“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7***

Shake yourself today: Don't be afraid, for **THE LIVING GOD** is with you. Don't be discouraged, for our God is **THE LIVING GOD. THE LIVING GOD** will strengthen you and help you. **THE LIVING GOD** will hold you up with His victorious right hand.

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