

The background of the image is a dark, stormy cityscape. On the left, a tall, modern skyscraper stands amidst the ruins of other buildings. In the center, a classical building with columns is partially destroyed. The ground is covered in rubble and debris. Several bright lightning bolts strike down from a dark, cloudy sky. The overall atmosphere is one of impending doom and destruction.

# Do Not Be AFRAID

2 Timothy 1:3-12; Matthew 6:25-33; 1 John 4:12-5:5

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-12 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, <sup>4</sup> greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, <sup>5</sup> when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-12 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

<sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. <sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-12 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

# All Fear Is NOT BAD

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The WHO?

**GOD** - Prov 1:7; Eccl. 12:13;  
Phil 2:12; Heb 12:28,29

The WHAT?

**SATAN** - 1 Pet 5:8; Eph 6:11;  
Gen 39:9; Prov 5:8; 2 Tim 2:22

The WHEN?

The HOW?

**MEN** - Luke 12:4; Phil 1:28; 1  
Pet 3:14; Rev 2:10; Rom 13:7; 1  
Pet 2:17,18

The WHY?

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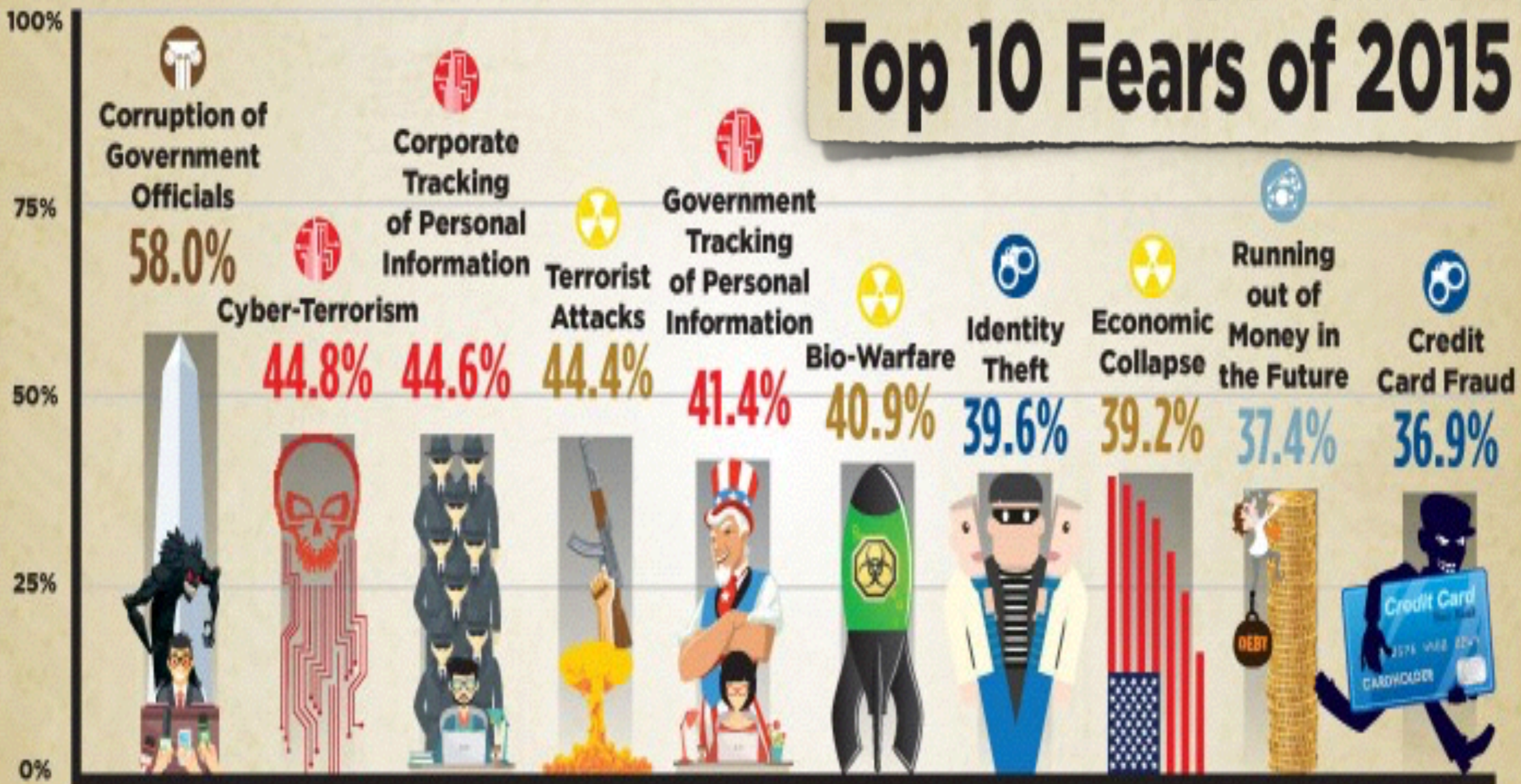


## ADJECTIVE

1. feeling fear; filled with apprehension:
2. feeling regret, unhappiness:
3. feeling reluctance, unwillingness, distaste:

Syn. — scared, fearful, disquieted, apprehensive, timid, timorous. Afraid, alarmed, frightened, terrified — implies inner apprehensive disquiet:

# Top 10 Fears of 2015



Above are the 10 fears for which the highest percentage of Americans reported being "Afraid," or "Very Afraid."



Government



Technology



Man-made Disasters



Crime



Personal Future



# Do Not Be

# AFRAID

## Top 10 Fears of 2015



- \* 12. War - Man-made Disasters - 35.8
- \* 13. Reptiles - Personal Anxieties - 33.0
- \* 19. Civil Unrest - Man-made Disasters - 32.0
- \* 20. Tornado - Natural Disasters - 31.4
- \* 21. Global Warming - Environment - 30.7
- \* 23. Illegal Immigration - Government - 29.7
- \* 35. Insects - Personal Anxieties - 25.5
- \* 43. Loneliness - Personal Future - 22.0
- \* 44. Dying - Personal Future - 21.9
- \* 45. Water - Personal Anxieties - 21.0
- \* 83. Zombies - Personal Anxieties - 8.5
- \* 85. Clowns - Personal Anxieties - 6.8

# Do Not Be AFRAID

Fearing Fear Itself:  
Its Consequences



- ✱ **Defeatism** — Disobedience -  
Num 13,14; Rev 21:8
- ✱ **Discouragement** — Nu.  
13:31–33; 14:1–3; 32:9;
- ✱ **Compromise** — 1 Cor. 15:33;  
John 7:13; 12:42; 19:38
- ✱ **Paralysis** — Mat 25:18,24-30;  
Rev 21:8

# **Do Not Be** **AFRAID**

Fearing Fear Itself:  
Its Consequences



**More Doubt**

**Distraction**

**Anger / Bitterness**

**No Joy / No Peace**

**Hopelessness**

# **Do Not Be** **AFRAID**

Fearing Fear Itself:  
Its Consequences



**Ulcers**

**H.B.P. / Stroke**

**Heart Problems**

**Substance Abuse**

**Suicide**

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



2 Chronicles 20:15 (NKJV)  
15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.'

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command

2 Chronicles 32:7 (NKJV)  
7 “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that *is* with him; for *there are* more with us than with him.

because of this great  
battle *is* not yours, but God's.



# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



2 Chronicles 20:17

Proverbs 3:25 (NKJV)  
25 Do not be afraid of sudden death  
terror, Nor of trouble from  
the wicked when it comes;

because of this great power with him.  
battle *is* not yours, but God's.

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



2 Chronicles 7:14

Proverbs 3:25 (NKJV)

Isaiah 51:7 (NKJV)

7 “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, You people in whose heart *is* My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



2 Chronicles 7:14

Jeremiah 3:25 (NKJV)  
of sudden

Jeremiah 42:11 (NKJV)  
11 Do not be afraid of the king of  
Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do  
not be afraid of him,' says the Lord,  
'for I *am* with you, to save you and  
deliver you from his hand.  
afraid of them

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



2 Chronicles 7:14

3:25 (NKJV)

Ezekiel 2:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *are* with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.

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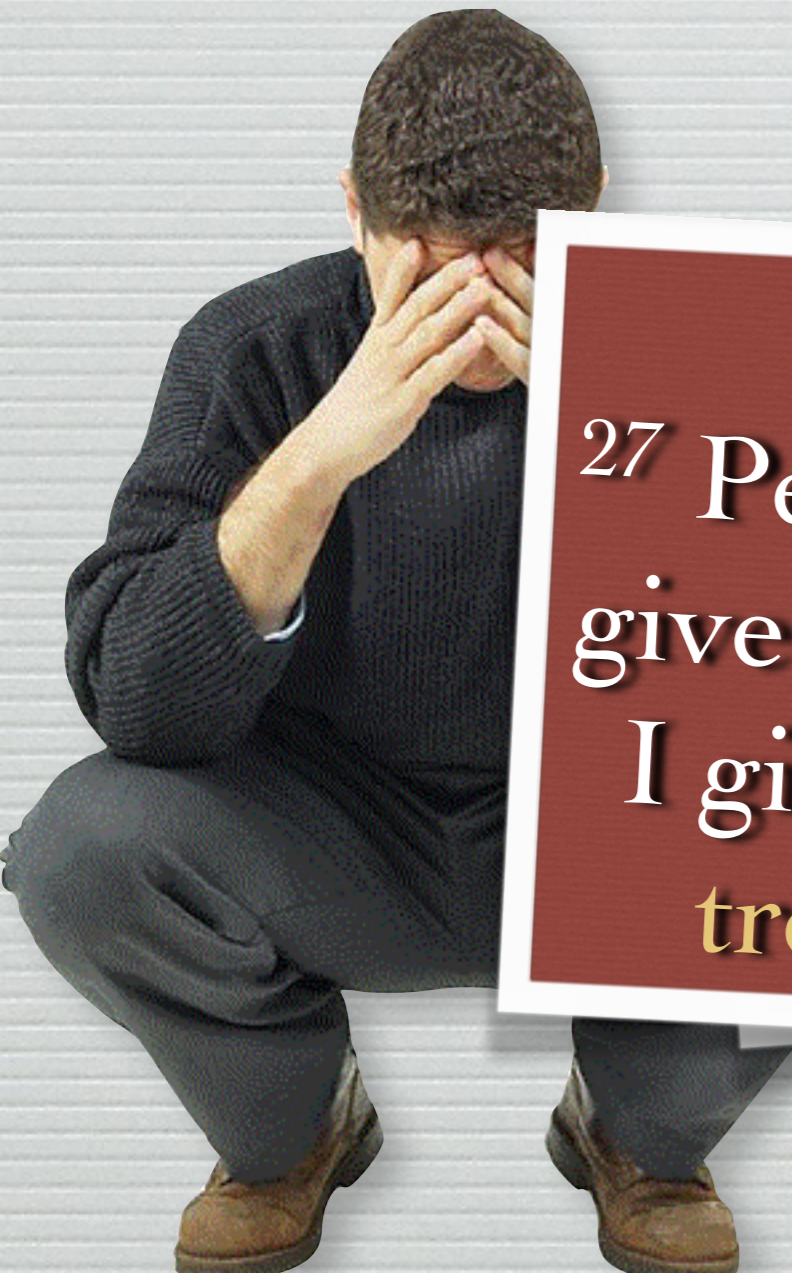
## A Command



Luke 12:4 (NKJV)  
4 “And I say to you, My friends, **do not be afraid** of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



John 14:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command




Acts 18:9 (NKJV)

2 9 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the  
g night by a vision, “Do not be afraid,  
but speak, and do not keep silent;

troubled, neither let it be afraid.

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



1 Peter 3:14 (NKJV)  
14 But even if you should suffer for  
righteousness' sake, you are blessed.  
*“And do not be afraid of their threats, nor  
be troubled.”*

*troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## A Command



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Revelation 2:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Do Not Be  
AFRAID

By FAITH



Psalm 56:11 (NKJV)  
11 In God I have put my  
trust; I will not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

Do Not Be  
AFRAID

By FAITH



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Hebrews 13:5–6 (NKJV)  
5 Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we may boldly say: “*The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*”

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## Overcoming Fear



- \* Grow in faith - Rom 10:17; 2 Tet 1:5-10; Eph 6:10-18; 2 Pet 2:17,18
- \* Practice our faith / purify our conscience - 2 Tim 1:3; Jam 1:21-25
- \* Pray / be thankful - Phili 4:6,7
- \* Focus on things of God / things that are good - Phili 4:8-12
- \* Look beyond our temporary fears - 2 Cor 4:7-5:5

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## Overcoming Fear



- \* Seek First The Kingdom Of God And His Righteousness (Mat 6:33)
- \* Only when the things of God truly become the most important things to us will we enjoy the true treasures and blessings of life! - Eccl. 12:13
- \* If we seek the present first we will lose both it and eternity – Luke 18:18-23

Do Not Be

AFRAID

Overcoming Fear

1 JOHN 4:17-5:5 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ...

Do Not Be

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Overcoming Fear

1 JOHN 4:17-5:5 (NKJV)

... <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

# Do Not Be AFRAID

## Overcoming Fear



Externals lose  
their power over  
us when we,  
through the eyes  
of faith, focus  
upon the things  
of God!

# Do Not Be AFRAID



- \* How will my faith, (*or lack of faith*) affect my fears? — Mat 8:26; Mark 4:40; Heb 3:12; Num 13,14; Joh 14:27; Ps 56:11
- \* How will the level of my “love” for the world affect my fears? — Mat 6:30; 1 Pet 1:17; Heb 13:5,6
- \* How does hope, resting on the foundation of true faith, conquer my fears? — Heb 11:1,2; Rom 8:17-39

# Do Not Be AFRAID



Never allow the  
presence of the  
storm cause you to  
forget the presence  
of God!







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2 Timothy 1:3-12; Matthew 6:25-33; 1 John 4:12-5:5

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# 1 JOHN 4:12-19 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

# 1 JOHN 4:12-19 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us.