

# Faithful, Fearless and Fruitful

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God is calling us to be *faithful, fearless and fruitful*. This may not be a news flash to you, but we all have to ask ourselves: Have I truly been faithful, fearless and fruitful?

These three things are so important right now that the LORD says He is pouring out a *fresh and superior anointing* on His people in this hour that they may be empowered by His Spirit to be faithful, fearless and fruitful—and in that order.

Faithfulness produces fearlessness, which produces fruitfulness. And, on the same token, faithlessness produces fearfulness, which produces fruitlessness.

There is tremendous supernatural healing attached to being faithful, fearless and fruitful. As a result of these being enacted in our lives, we will see an unprecedented move of God in and through our lives.

## Faithful

Being faithful, in this case, means being *full of faith*. We are called to be full of faith for this will determine our life quality and course (Matthew 17:20).

Faith comes from love; it is birthed and grown out of love. Galatians 5:6 tells us, “*For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love,*” (AMP). The NIV says, “*The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*”

All true and powerful faith is based or rooted in, activated and expressed through love. Great love = great faith. Little love = little faith. No love = no faith.

Lack of faith is a result of lack of love. So when we find ourselves struggling with faith, nine times out of ten, it’s a love issue. We can’t say we love God, but we have no faith, trust or confidence in Him. Those days are over. Our love for Him will be proven by and through our faith.

When there are love issues in our life in regards to loving God’s, it is because we struggle with understanding and knowing His love personally. If we don’t understand God’s love for us and live it, we won’t have or live a faith-filled life. But, the good news is, 1 John 4:19 tells us, “*We love because He first loved us.*” You were loved by Him first. Really and truly knowing that He loved us first will cause us to love Him back. As a matter of fact, any *true* love on our part given or expressed is a direct result of Him loving us first. Because He loved us first, we are given His love through impartation. Because He first loved us, we are given the ability and capacity to love Him as He commands: “*Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,*” (Mark 12:30 NIV).



When we have love issues, however, we have difficulty believing and knowing God's love for us. And, then we will struggle to have faith.

Knowing and understanding God's love for us causes us to love Him. Love for God equals faith in God. Love for God causes us to be *full of faith—faithful*.

This will be the first element of this fresh superior anointing—supernatural faith expressing itself through supernatural love—being full of faith—faithful.

## Fearless

*Fearless means without fear; bold or brave.*

Psalm 27 has been named, "A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God." We can see why.

*"The LORD is my Light and my Salvation—whom shall I fear or dread? The LORD is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, [even then] in this will I be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek, inquire for, and [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD [in His presence] all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the LORD and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock," (Verses 1-5 AMP).*



Fear is the opposite of faith. Faith causes us to fear NO evil, because it causes us to dwell in the house of the LORD (in His presence).

In its Glossary, *The One New Man Bible Revealing Jewish Roots and Power*, has this to say about fear: "We are not to have any trace of fear, so God commands us frequently in the Hebrew text, 'Do not fear!' More often is it, 'Do not be in Awe!' There is only One Whom we are to revere, to hold in awe, and we are not to be in terror of Him, but give the respect and honor to which He is due. Do not be awed by the size and strength of the enemy, but respect and revere the Awesome God we serve Who will turn the situation around.

*"Do not in any way be awed!" "Do not be dismayed!"* The Hebrew negative command is very powerful, with no direct English equivalent. It is even stronger than saying, *'Do not dare to even think about!'* . . . Know that faith in God is what you need to replace the fear and dismay.

"In the Hebrew this is a very strong command that has no direct English translation. We are absolutely forbidden to entertain even the least speck of fear. We overcome fear by staying closer to God, worshipping, reading Scripture, making the good confession, and not dwelling on negative consequences."

Lack of fear causes us to be fearless.

Here is how we will become fearless: *"In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love.*

*But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love,” (1 John 4:17-18 NIV).*

Verse 18 from the Amplified Bible reads, *“There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love’s complete perfection].”*

Here again, we see that love is involved and the key issue: Perfect love drives out fear! Knowing God’s love for us drives out and expels every trace of terror. That’s why in the Hebrew language God can tell us that we are not to have any trace of fear—because we are safe and secure in His perfect love.

The word, *perfect*, in the Greek means *brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness*. God’s love for us is such.

When we are in fear, we are under the thought of punishment. Punishment has to do with imposing a penalty on for a fault, offense, or violation, or to deal with roughly or harshly. Perfect love drives out fear by a knowing that Jesus paid every penalty for our faults, offenses or violations (sins) owed on our behalf. Through that priceless payment, we understand that God does not deal with us roughly or harshly, nor do we have to take lies from the Enemy. When we are in fear, however, we are afraid or alarmed that something (awful or terrible) will in some way happen or happen to us because we really don’t believe we’re free from our sins and faults, weaknesses or offenses. Somewhere in the back of our mind, fear lurks about. Fear that we will somehow have to pay! That comes from a state of thinking through punishment.

However, knowing God’s perfect love drives away every trace of fear and terror. To the point that we can face terrible things and be exceptionally bold and brace in them because we KNOW God has a perfect love for us. And that perfect love is with us ALL the time.

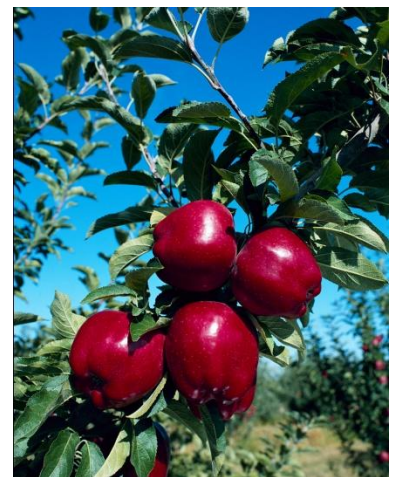
The LORD is releasing a fresh superior anointing in this hour to not only cause us to overcome fear (that we will not even dare think about or be given to fear in any way or entertain even the least speck of fear), but to be fearless—a fresh anointing of boldness and bravery. This fearlessness is rooted in perfect love.

## Fruitful

Fruitfulness comes from us staying in the Vine (John 15). Fruitfulness will be the direct result of being faithful and fearless.

We, as Christians, are known for our fruit: *“For each tree is known by its own fruit,” (Luke 6:44).*

Like faithful and fearless, love is involved in being fruitful. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law,” (Galatians 5:22-23).* The first of the fruit of the Spirit—actually, the fruit of the reborn spirit, is love. While this fruit cannot be separated, in other words, if you take one of them away you will have none of them—love begins the working of all of them. As a result, love causes us to be fruitful. Without



love, we will not be fruitful. So, if we are not fruitful, it is probably a love issue. When love is first in our life, our life will show it through its fruitfulness.

God is ready for His people to be extremely fruitful in this hour. Extreme love will cause extreme fruitfulness. I believe we are entering the most fruitful time in history.

Isaiah 54:1-3 is a prophetic word of fruitfulness to us—*“Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD. ‘Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.’”*

Isaiah 54 holds a Rhema word with a *fresh superior* anointing to interested Christians in this hour.

Barren is not speaking about the inability to have children, it represents any area in our life which has not produced or had fruitful production. We can all look and see the areas which have not been fruitful in our lives: Marriage, friendships, career, ministry, finances; or in personality challenges, overcoming addictions, emotional hurts, etc.

In the case of the barren woman, the LORD gives a strange command: Sing or shout for joy! The Hebrew says, “Jubilate you! Make noise!” This singing for joy is based in being full of faith and a fearlessness that will produce the fruitfulness. So even in our barrenness up to this point, we are to sing, shout for joy, jubilate, make noise because God is saying that we are no longer barren. And, we can sing or shout for joy because there is something spectacular happening in our lives. It’s supernatural child birth or supernatural fruitfulness!

The LORD says, *“You who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband!”*

Many of us have been barren or have not produced the fruit we should have. Possibly you haven’t even been pregnant (carried a vision inside of you) or experienced labor (prayed or travailed to bring forth a vision). Or, maybe you have miscarried the vision or hope inside. But, the LORD says even though you have not, you are going to produce—supernaturally and in excess: “More are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband!” MORE is the offspring, the product, result, effect or outcome. MORE is the fruit! How and Why? Because Yahweh is behind this! It’s all going to be supernatural!

However, here’s what must take place in our lives at this moment: *“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.”*

There are four things that must take place in us to prepare for this supernatural fruitfulness. They may seem redundant, but if the LORD mentions them individually and specifically, then there is significance we need to see and apply. He will speak to us each one in these areas:

1. **Enlarge** (your tent or yourself—your spirit and soul). Webster’s defines *“enlarge”* as *to make larger; to give greater scope to; to set free as a captive*. This enlargement will bring forth our true identity and with it, reveal the fruit we were created to produce. True freedom releases true identity. And, true identity will always cause us to identify with Christ. This place of enlargement will have no spiritual limits or boundaries. We will risk thinking like God and believing nothing is impossible!
2. **Stretch** (your tent curtains or walls): To extend; to reach out; to extend in length. A curtain is a device or agency that is extended to conceal or act as a barrier. Walls or barriers keep things in, but

also keep things out. Tent curtains conceal what is inside the tent. They also prevent anyone on the inside from seeing out.

As we stretch and allow ourselves to be stretched by the LORD, we move into a greater place of spiritual maturity and wisdom, which will cause us to be undistracted by situations or circumstances happening around us.

1 Peter 1:5 says something very interesting, *“And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the LAST DAY for all to see,”* (NLT). The Amplified Bible says, *“Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God’s power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.”*

As we are stretched and our faith is stretched, we will be able to hold more of the presence and power of God; and in turn be concealed—hidden from the Enemy. He won’t know our every move because he will not be able to *see* us through God’s power and presence.

- 3. Lengthen** (your cords): To make longer; to grow longer. Tent cords are used to stabilize the tent. Without cords, the tent walls would collapse on itself. We must become even more stable and fixed in the LORD. If our tent or ourself is enlarged and our tent curtains are stretched, it would only make sense that our tent cords would have to be lengthened. With our tent cords being lengthened, we are not collapsing: we’re not falling down or caving in when the strong winds blow or the pressure is on. We’re not easily quitting. We’re not given to failure.

Key to lengthening your cords: *“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain STABLE AND FIXED under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand],”* (Psalm 91:1 AMP).

- 4. Strengthen** (your stakes): To make stronger; to become stronger. Tent stakes are driven into the ground to hold the tent in place. They act as anchors. Tent stakes must be strong, tough, durable and heavy-duty in this case.

If our tent or ourself is enlarged, our tent curtains are stretched, and our tent cords are lengthened, then our tent stakes must be made stronger too in order to anchor or secure the greater tent. Similar to lengthening our tent cords, we must become stronger and tougher that we will be secure, persistent, and persevere. All these God requires us to have. The thin-skinned attitude has to go. The touchiness has to go. A spirit of offense has to go. We must learn to persevere even in the face of persecution. And, spiritual laziness will have to go too.

We can and are able to do this because of the hope of His promises being fulfilled in and through us. This *hope* is referred to as an anchor in Hebrews 6:19—*“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”* Hope as our anchor keeps us strong, tough, durable, firm and secure in our identity and destiny, in our life vision and mission. Our hope has to be *sure*, however. We cannot become lazy, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherited what had been promised (Heb. 6:1-12). The whole chapter of Hebrews 6 is very apropos here.

All of these: *enlarging, stretching, lengthening, and strengthening* are a result of making the LORD our Refuge and Fortress (Stronghold) . . . Psalm 91:1-2. In fact, all of Psalm 91 needs to be studied and meditated upon with this word.

Isaiah 54 continues: *“For you will spread out to the right and to the left . . .”* (verse 3). The Hebrew reads-- *“For you will break forth on the right and on the left.”* The **right** means that we will produce fruit supernaturally with the power of God being revealed and operating through us. The power of His right hand will prevail through us! The **left** means that we will produce fruit by natural means, but through the guidance, direction of the Spirit of Wisdom. Essentially and any way you want to look at it, we will spread out by supernatural means. We will break forth on the right and on the left! We will produce fruit on both sides or everywhere we turn! We will be blessed in the supernatural and natural.

Isaiah 54:4 goes on to say, *“Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.”* Isaiah 54:4 from the Amplified Bible says--*“Fear not, for you shall not be ashamed; neither be confounded and depressed, for you shall not be put to shame. For you shall forget the shame of your youth, and you shall not [seriously] remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.”*

Fear not and be fearless! No more shame! No more bewilderment, confusion, defeat! No more depression! No more humiliation! This fresh and superior anointing is releasing such healing that none of these will be able to stand or be an issue to those who receive this anointing.

*“For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is His name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth,”* (Isaiah 54:5).

Your Maker, your Husband, your Redeemer! The One who created you with the purpose of fruitfulness. What does *husband* represent here? Protection. Power. Authority. A husband gives to his wife his protection, his name and his authority. It is the same with God and us. We can be fruitful under and with the *Husband-Covering*. Redeemer: everything we have lost is redeemed, restored by the Blood of the Lamb! All the areas in which we have failed, lost or been ignorant; as we awaken to this fresh and superior anointing, all that was lost is redeemed! He is our Mighty Redeemer!

God as our Creator, Husband and Redeemer will cause a supernatural fruitfulness to explode in and through our lives.

Get ready for a fresh and superior anointing to be faithful, fearless and fruitful in this wonderful, amazing, exciting, and terrifying time you have been specifically created and chosen to be in.

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