



TIMELESS TRUTH

FOR TROUBLED TIMES

***DEFEATING
THE
FEAR
OF
FAILURE***



I. PARANOID ABOUT FAILURE



1 Timothy 1:12-14

- ¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim. 1:15-17 -*The New Living Translation*

[15] This is a true saying, and everyone should believe it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—and I was the worst of them all. [16] But that is why God had mercy on me, so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. [17] Glory and honor to God forever and ever. He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

I'LL SPOIL
YOUR GAME - I'LL
SPOIL YOUR CHANCES
OF WINNING...



I DON'T WANT
TO BE EMBARRASSED!
I'M AFRAID OF MAKING
MISTAKES. I DON'T WANT
TO LOSE - WHAT WILL
OTHERS THINK?

- ***“What if I fail?”***
 - ***You will fail – not fear failure because great blessing that can come out of failure***
 - ***Focus on positive side of failure***

Nehemiah 9:17

But you are a forgiving God,
gracious and compassionate, slow
to anger and abounding in love.
Therefore you did not desert them,

II. PERSPECTIVE ON FAILURE

A. God Expects It

B. God Forgives It

Isaiah – Chapter 30:18-19

The Lord Will Be Gracious

¹⁸Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. ¹⁹For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

II. PERSPECTIVE ON FAILURE

A. God Expects It

B. God Forgives It

C. God Uses It

JONAH 3:1-2

¹And the Word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²”Arise! Go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out to it the message that I will speak to you.”

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D. God Sees Past It

- **Acts 7:23-25**

Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. [24] And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. [25] For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

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III. PREVAILING OVER FAILURE

A. Being Realistic About Ourselves



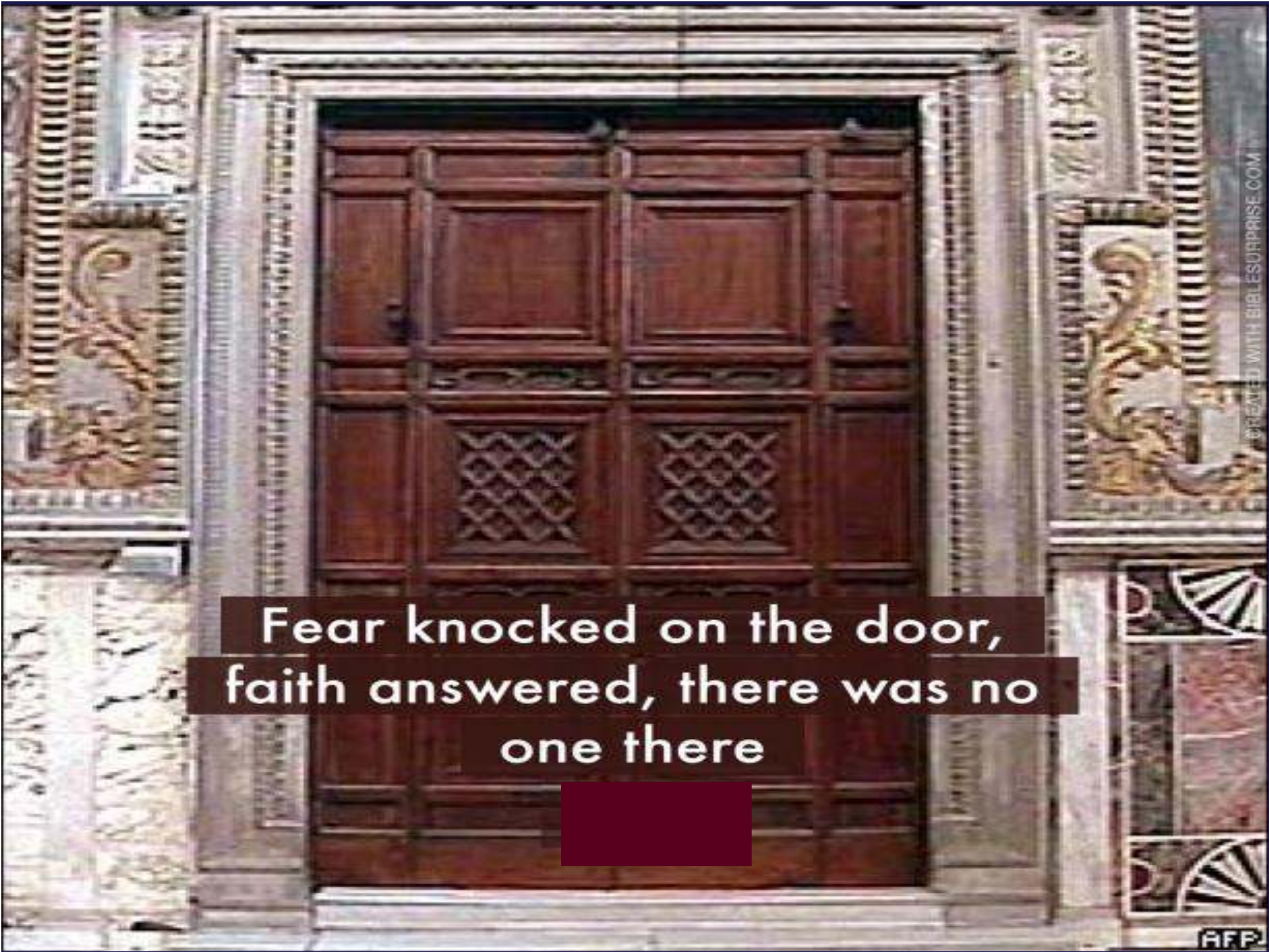
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 JOHN 1:8-10

III. PREVAILING OVER ***FAILURE***

***A. Being Realistic About
Ourselves***

B. By Having Faith

A photograph of a large, dark-stained wooden door with a decorative frame. The door features a central panel with a lattice design. The frame is ornate, with carved details on the sides and top. The door is set within a stone or concrete wall. A dark red rectangular box is positioned below the text.

Fear knocked on the door,
faith answered, there was no
one there

The Great Divide

FAITH

"FOR THE MESSAGE OF
THE CROSS SEEMS FOLLY
TO THOSE ON THEIR WAY
TO DESTRUCTION, BUT
TO US, THE SAVED, IT IS
GOD'S POWER." — I COR. 1:18

WAR

Numbers 14:8-9

If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

III. PREVAILING OVER FAILURE

- A. Being Realistic About
Ourselves***
- B. By Having Faith***
- C. By Giving Up The
False Security in
Failure***

Matthew 25:15

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

***Responsibility according to their ability
If used them properly, give more
responsibilities later***

Matthew 25: 21

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.'

And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.

- Mt. 25:25-26

THE EDUCATION OF PETER:

- **Luke 5:1-8:**

- ***Daytime, bright skies, calm sea, Jesus in the boat, awake***

- **Luke 8:22-25:**

- ***Stormy seas, dark night, Jesus in the boat, asleep***

- **Matt. 14:22-27:**

- ***Stormy seas, dark night, Jesus is not even in the boat***

• **Matt. 14:28:**

***“LORD, LET’S TRY IT
WITHOUT THE BOAT!”***



But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

III. PREVAILING OVER FAILURE

- A. Being Realistic About Ourselves***
- B. By Having Faith***
- C. By Giving Up The False Security in Failure***
- D. By Spiritual Warfare***
- E. One Step At A Time***

**Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye steadfast, unmovable,
always abounding
in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know
that your labour is not in vain
in the Lord.**

I Corinthians 15:58