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WOW: Word on Wednesday

“Love Overcomes Fear”

1 John 4:18

1. The Contrast: Fear vs Love

- a. Fear limits while love releases.
 - i. Fear closes the heart, restricts, and reacts.
- b. Love opens the heart, releases, and responds.
- c. Fear focuses on self - it brings doubt, and doubt causes a disconnect and a disconnect is followed by a long distance relationship.
- d. Fear involved punishment. 1 John 4:18 indicates that fear is tied to the dread of punishment, suggesting that those who fear are not yet perfected in love.
- e. Love: perfects, connects, directs, and inspects.

2. The Compassion: Friendship & Love

- a. God's love is the antidote that casts out fear.
- b. To live free from fear, we must daily surrender our hearts to God.
- c. God's affection has no "strings attached".
- d. When we abide in God and trust His character, we move from fear to faith.

3. The Circumstances: Fear vs Fear Itself

- a. Healthy Fear: healthy fear places God in his proper authority. Psalm 34:4
- b. The fear of the Lord is not being scared of God. Proverbs 29:25
- c. It shows the proper reverence, awe, and respect.
- d. Unhealthy fear: constant worry and dread about the future is not from God. Isaiah 41:10
- e. We are called to be soldiers, not scary saints. 2 Timothy 1:7

4. The Command: Faith in Works

- a. Focus on the Savior: when we focus on the Lord, it eliminates our fears.
- b. Trust in Action: showing how much we trust God always involves our actions. James 2:18
- c. More than just intellectual agreement, it's active reliance and surrender to God. Romans 3:28
- d. Good deeds, acts of love, obedience, and a transformed lifestyle - is the results of faith in action. James 2:26