



Wednesday, February 4, 2026

**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**

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| 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**

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| 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  |