

When Fear Knocks the Faith Out of You

Genesis 42:29–43:14

1. The faith of _____?

Genesis 42:36 Their father Jacob said to them, "You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!"

2. Crippled by _____.

Genesis 42:38 But Jacob said, "My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in sorrow."

Useful Question: What fear cripples you?

Practical principles for dealing with our fears:

1. **When you don't deal with your fears, the problems they create don't _____.**
(Gen 43:1)

2. **Find a _____ and let them help you _____ your fears.** (Gen 43:8-10)

- This takes vulnerability -
- This takes humility -
- This takes consistency -

3. **Take some small _____ to overcome your fear.** (Gen 43:11-13)

4. **Trust in God's _____ to cast out the fear.** (Gen 43:14)

- 1 John 4:18 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.
 - **We can never be separated from God's love _____.**
 - Romans 8:31–39
 - **Death (which is truly our worst fear) is not the _____ for us.**
 - Romans 5:6–8 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
 - John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.
 - **God promises that in His love that in _____ He is working for our good.**
 - Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)