

LIFE CHANGING MINISTRY

Talk #5 - Fear Factor

**Fear of man will prove to be a snare,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept
safe.**

Proverbs 29:25

Five Ways Leaders Get Snared By Fear:

- **Insincerity**

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

Galatians 2:11-12

And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel,

Galatians 2:13-14

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**Sometimes you just need to speak
the truth in love!**

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- **Inaction – stop taking risks**

But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

Numbers 13:31-32

They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

Numbers 13:32-33

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**Fear is always more contagious than
vision!**

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Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; **for they loved human praise more than praise from God.**

John 12:42-43

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There is a very fine line between loving people and wanting them to love you!

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- **Isolation**

Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and instructions.”

Exodus 18:15-16

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- Inaction
- Insecurity
- Isolation – **We can be afraid that someone won't do it as well or that they'll actually do it better than us.**

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- **Indecision**

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus...

John 19:38-39

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- **Isolation**
- **Indecision – Analysis paralysis**

**It only takes a few small fears to tie
down a big vision!**

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**Because a God-given vision always
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**Because prayer positions me to
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Because we need to stay focused on something bigger than our fear

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**Because a God-given vision is worth
fighting for!**

**Courage is being scared to death and
saddling up anyway!**

- John Wayne

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

**“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”**

⁶ So we say with confidence,

**“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”**

Hebrews 13:5-6

If I were courageous, what would I do?

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