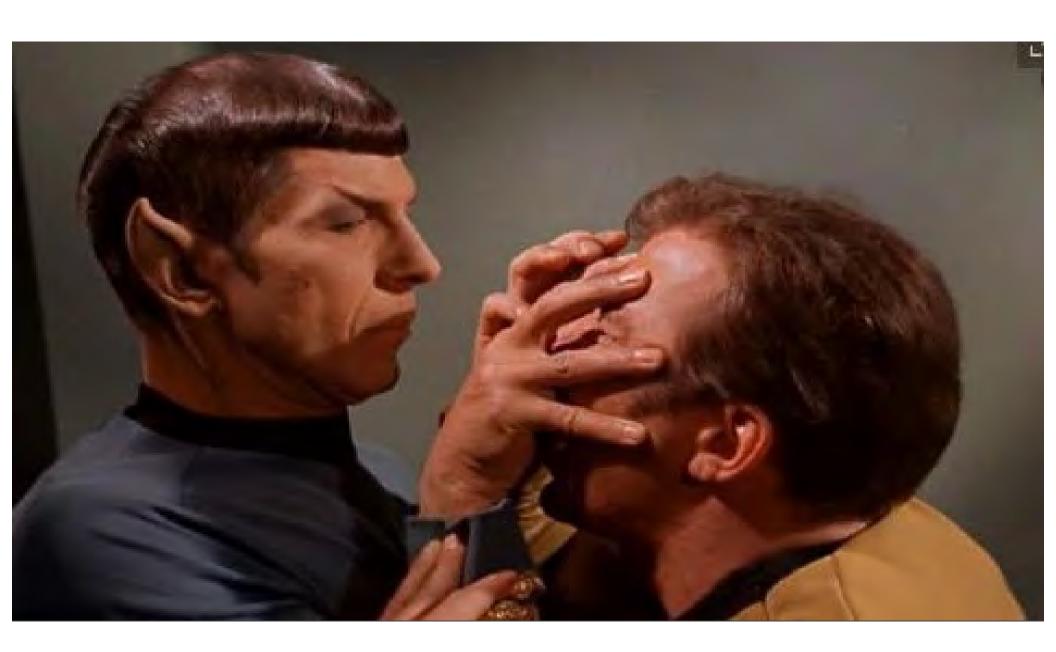
# "Do Not Fear Them" Matthew 10: 26-33



# Verse 26 - 27 Do Not Fear Them The truth will come out

### Where did fear come from?

Fear is rooted in **SIN!** 

When Adam and Eve sinned, out went peace, in came fear - Genesis 3: 9-10

Jesus gives His followers a straightforward command - "Do not fear "them"

When fear enters your world, identify the source and refocus on God



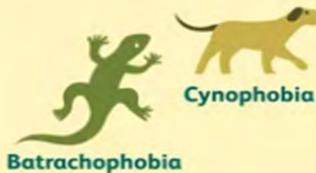
### The Four Major Specific Phobia Categories

#### **Natural Environment**











#### **Mutilation/Medical Treatment**







#### **Situations**



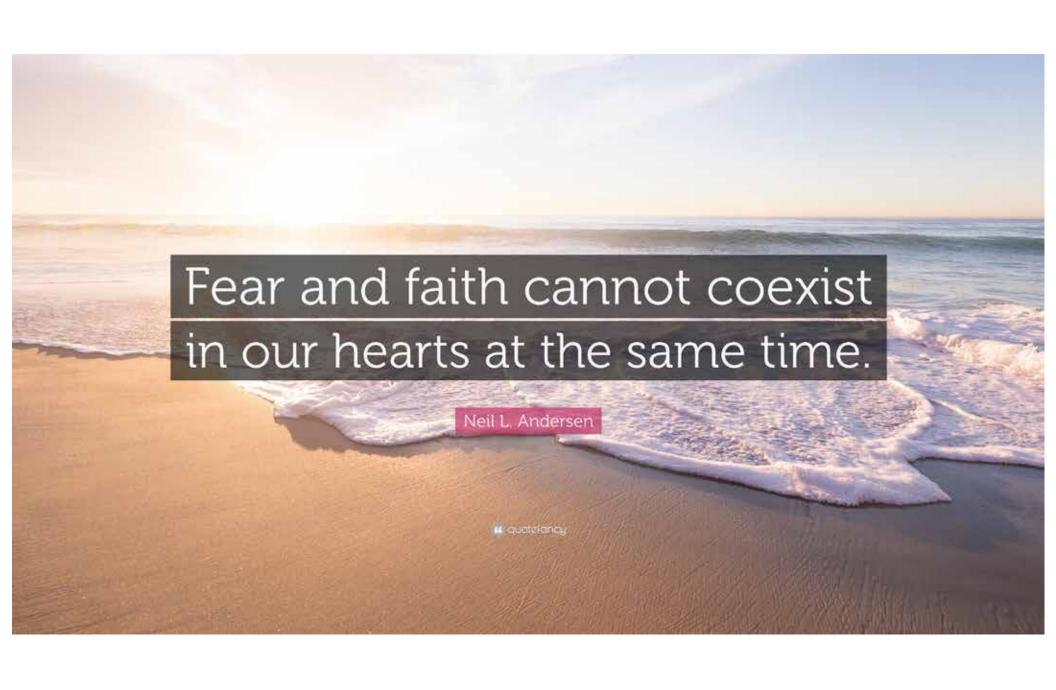
Claustrophobia



Glossophobia







When we act contrary to our fear (not controlled by fear), that is <u>COURAGE!</u>

Jesus' 911 message to you:

"Fear not, I am with you"

**Enter God >** 

**Exit Fear!** 

# Verse 28 Do Not Fear Them Fear God

There is always a temptation to give into the fear of "<a href="them" them" the body" them" the body" them" the body" them" the body" the body" the body the

Do not fear any "thems" in your life

"But rather <u>fear Him</u> who is able to <u>destroy</u> both soul and body in hell"

King David tells us the truth about life here Psalm 103: 15-17

Fear = "yare" = those who tremble at Him; revere, respect, and submit to Him

We are to fear Him *(GOD)*, who holds our very life in His hands – <u>Job 12:10</u>

It would be very wise not to fear "them", but to fear God - Hebrews 10: 31

# Verse 29 - 31 Do Not Fear Them You are valued by God

You are called the "children of God", the "Bride of Christ"

You are greatly valued by God

Jesus gives us an example of how He values you:

"... the very hairs of your head are numbered"



See Matthew 10:29-31)

WE ONLY HAVE TO NUMBER THE HEAD HAIRS, RIGHT?

You are valued by God! Do not fear the "thems" in your life!! Verse 32 - 33

Do Not Fear Them 
But confess Him

The fear of what others think may affect your faith walk

Fear of "them" must not affect our confession of Him

**Confess** = to agree with, to assent to

Tell the world that Jesus is my Savior, my Lord

My loyalty is to Christ, not to "them"

It is clear!! Do not deny Christ!

Deny = to refuse, reject, disavow
 "I don't know Him" (Peter)

It seems to me that denying Christ is a volitional act!

A definitive decision to reject Jesus' rule over a person's life; to deny Him as one's Savior!

He said there were two kinds of Christians: those who sincerely believe in God and those who, just as sincerely, believe that they believe. You can tell them apart by their actions in decisive moments.

——Richard Wurmbrand——

## **CLOSING:** DO NOT FEAR "THEM"

Public confession, when possible, is expected of a Jesus follower

Why do confessing Christians march to their deaths so willingly?



As a witness for their Lord – <u>Acts 1: 8</u> was real to them!! This was their finest hour -They refused to deny Christ!



I suspect, at their final moment, the Holy Spirit gave them miracle power to do the impossible!

Jesus' promise:

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you"

Do not fear the trials of life,

all the "thems" of life!

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4 NKJV

### You were saved by Jesus for a purpose!

Be a steward of your life!

When all is said and done,

may we "be found faithful"

1 Corinthians 4: 2

DO NOT FEAR THE "THEMS"

