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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 156

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by His fearless love. Acts 18:9 *“One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: **“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.”**”*

The Greek word for *afraid* is **phobou** which means *to terrify, frighten or put to flight*. We get the word phobia from this root. The phrase “fear not” is perhaps the most used pair of words in scripture in pertaining to God’s encouragement to us. We do not have to fear because of the One Whom we follow. He is almighty, all powerful God and He is in absolute control. He is able to accomplish all that He desires with His power and might.

The Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him not to be afraid; to keep on speaking and to not be silent. I wonder if we take this admonition to heart. It seems the one thing that God has called us as Christians to do - tell the good news - is the one thing that is spoken of less than anything else. We will talk about the weather, about our sports team, about politics, and almost anything else, except about the most important thing ever; the gospel of Jesus.

There is a reason the Lord spoke this to Paul. It is in our nature to not talk about the things of God because we are afraid to do so. But God says, fear not. We cannot allow our fears to stop us from sharing this wonderful news of salvation. Do you remember the person who shared Jesus with you? What if they had been afraid? Likely, you would be lost. God has put us here to share His love to people that need to know. They are looking for it but don’t know how to find it. All we have to do is give them the directions they need. As **Eph. 6:19** reminds us - ***Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.***

Dear Father, thank You for working through Your children. We need Your guidance and Your direction in our lives. Help us to seek You in all things. In Jesus Name, Amen