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Introduction:

- There was a guy who bought a parrot that reportedly talked a lot. He got the parrot home and found that the parrot did talk a lot, and used cuss words in everything it said. He tried teaching the parrot new words, tried correcting him but nothing worked. Finally, out of frustration he said to the Parrot, "You say one more cuss word and I'm going to put you in the freezer until you agree to stop." Not too much later the parrot blurted out a cuss word, so the man took the bird, opened the freezer, put him in, closed the door and waited. After about five minutes, the Parrot said, "OK, OK! I give up! Let me out! I won't cuss anymore." So the man removed the desperate bird from the freezer. Greatly relieved, the parrot said, "I just have one question. What the heck did the chicken do?" **APPLICATION** Fear can be a motivator for some people to change but most who experience fear just choose to live afraid.
- One of the biggest enemies you will face in life is fear. It is my desire this morning to motivate you to overcome fear because you have a destiny in Christ to big to miss.
- Lets go to the story of David and Goliath this morning. "Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47, NKJV)

I. Fear is Big!

- A. Fear is a Goliath of a spirit. It is sent to keep people from experiencing the Kingdom of God in their lives. God has created us to experience His kingdom in every area of our lives. Yet so many are hindered because of fear. Fear causes us to be in control of our lives because we do not trust God to be able to do the job. When you are in control, the King of the Kingdom is not!
 1. Fear keeps people from exercising their spiritual gifts and walking in obedience to the Holy Spirit. When gifts are exercised grace is released!
 2. Fear keeps people from experiencing the depths of God given relationship. Those relationship could be with a spouse, your children, friends, and your church.
 3. Fear keeps people from entering the fields of financial breakthrough. Fear of tithing, fear of sowing (offering), fear of money being mis-spent. Poverty is fear of not having enough-there are wealthy people who live in poverty.
 4. The enemy is seeking to amplify and overemphasize these areas to paralyze you and neutralize the church. Fear is a form of spiritual bondage and slavery.
- B. Fear is a Big Goliath-
 1. Goliath was big
 - a) Fear is defined as an emotion characterized by alarm, anxiety and tension. It is often caused by an expectation of danger or pain. It is dread birthed through anxiety producing cowardice.
 - b) **Fear is strategically being amplified in this hour to prohibit the birthing of God's purposes in us.
 2. vs 8. Taunted-Heb. "qara-is customarily addressed to a specific recipient and is intended to elicit a specific response. It is often repeated like a chant. It is an invitation."TW.O.T. It was an invitation to be afraid and to surrender. IE. Fear is always speaking to your head and it is saying the same thing over and over. vs 16 he strutted!
 3. Prophetically speaking fear was sent to contend with the armies of God, to keep them from obtaining the promise of God.**
 4. vs 11 they were terrified and deeply shaken
 - a) Terrified - Heb shattered= insanity. Fall apart, can't make decisions.
 - b) Deeply shaken - Heb to be filled with dread. Can't find any good expectations.
- C. Fear has brothers. Other spirits that work hand in hand with it.

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1. Insanity /mental instability. Many people who get into fear suddenly lack sound judgment.
 - a) Saul was afraid and consulted the witch of Endor.
 - b) Davie was afraid and had Uriah, his top general killed.
 - c) People self medicate because of fear. They jump into unhealthy relationships. Make irresponsible financial decisions. etc.etc.
2. Fear of sickness. Fear also opens doors for psychosomatic diseases. Fear of sickness causes people to miss their destiny. Need drugs to sleep, drugs to stay calm, drugs to digest food.
3. Fear of Financial failure. Solomon said that money answers all things. It plays a big part of our lives. Without it there are not many answers only questions.
4. Fear of Authority - Goliath was big, Goliath was powerful, Goliath was armed and dangerous and Israel had no man with authority to stand up against him. Ie. Fear of police, fear of government, fear of nations.

II. God is Bigger!

- A. God is light and God is love!
 1. light over comes the darkness - John 1:5
 2. Perfect love casts out all fear. 1 John 4:18 Maybe we don't have fear problem we have a love problem.
 3. God has never been afraid of being overthrown.
- B. I said earlier, "***Fear is strategically being amplified in this hour to prohibit the birthing of God's purposes in us." but faith sees this way: ***** "Fear is the launch pad for making God famous in those who know Him!!! *"... but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."* (Daniel 11:32, NKJV) God is looking for these kinds of people.
- C. God is bigger than your fears. *"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."* (1 Peter 5:6-7, NLT)
- D. God gives us what we need to overcome. *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."* (2 Timothy 1:7, NLT) Just like a parent gives their child what they need to overcome, God gives you what you need to overcome. So you see yourself as a child of God? Here is what God's children sing... Ie. Video
 1. Veggie Tales Bob the tomato: "God is bigger than the boogie man. He's bigger than Godzilla and the monsters on TV. Oh, God is bigger than the boogie man, And he's watching out for you and me. Monster #1: So are you frightened? Junior: No not really! Monster #2: Are you worried? Junior: Not a bit! I know whatever's gonna happen, that God can handle it!"

III. I'm Feeling Big Myself!

- A. David was feeling mighty big in 1 Sam 17. How did he get there? Let me give you five smooth stones this morning!
- B. First stone in overcoming fear is to bring it out into the open. David had to face his fear...of lions and of bears. Bring that darkness of the soul into the light. The Psalms are full of Davids facing his fears. The enemy hates to have his plans brought into the light and exposed. Confess it as an issue!
- C. Second stone, Turn off the repeating voices that invite you to fear! Ie. Stop acting like Glenn Beck and Shawn Hannity are prophets. When you can quote them more than scripture you got issues. When you know more about what they are saying than what God has said you have issues!
 1. Listen for the Holy Spirit's voice. He will tell you what is going on. John 14:16,18.26 he will lead you into all truth. 2 Kings 6:11-12 the King of Amram was angry because what he was planning in his bedroom the prophet was declaring to the king of Israel.
 2. Get the book: *Prayers that Avail Much*
- D. Third stone know what God has said about you! Know the Word.

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1. *“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father. (about relationship)” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory.....”* (Romans 8:15–17, NLT) You have received: God’s spirit, are his son, seated with Christ.
2. Know that God is now raising up people who are coming out of the wilderness having conquered the ‘lion’ and the ‘bear’ and they are anointed to take out the giant of fear. These men and women will be:
 - a) They will be worshippers
 - b) They will be warriors. They have learned the Lord’s voice in the wilderness and they simply will not listen to another voice.
3. Like David we are insufficient in our own strength to overcome the enemy of fear but, vs. 45 *“in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.”* When you know whose you are-God’s! And you know who you are-his child! You start feeling mighty big...bigger than the giant you face.
- E. Fourth stone, be a voice for God. God is looking for a prophetic generation, like John the Baptist. *“We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. “And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord.”* (Luke 1:74–76, NLT) This generation will provide a message of preparation and restoration to our inheritance and promises.
 1. This is who you are Freedom Christian Center.
 2. This is one reason that God has us here to prepare a people by restoring them to their inheritance (WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST!)
- F. Fifth stone, Make God Famous! Overcome your fear and win God a victory! *“Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.”* (1 Samuel 17:47, NKJV) When you are done:
 1. Talk about your Father! It brings comfort and builds faith. Vs 58 from NLT Saul says to David, *“Tell me about your father.”*
- G. Fear can motivate some people to change but most just end up in their own mental prison. But when you renew your mind with God’s word, Kingdom principles, you begin to see with a new set of eyes.

As you come face to face with your fear today...

Conclusion:

- In the words of our parrot friend, “Auuuauk, gotta question: What will you do?”
- It is time for you to pick up your five smooth stones today.
- When you know that God is bigger...you’ll feel mighty big yourself!