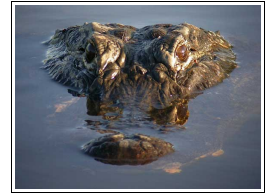


Fear

Passage: [Matthew 10:26-33](#)

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What Are the Effects of Fear?



Fear Is:

Matthew 10:26-33

Do Not Fear (Wrongly)

*We fear **the world** too much.*

God is **sovereign**

God allows **bad to happen for our good**

God uses **bad situations**

To **form** us (1 Peter 1:6-7; Rom 8:28)

To **break us of self** (2 Cor 12:7)

To **prove** us (Exo 20:20)

To **show us Himself** (Exo 14:13)

Fear (Rightly)

*We fear **God** too little.*

Redirect Your Fear

Recognize wrong fear

Ask what we really should fear

Remember the sovereign God uses bad situations

Redirect your fear

Let God cast out fear with perfect love

1 Peter 1:17: *If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth.*

Reflecting on God's Word

1. Read **Matthew 10:26-33**.
2. What are some of your greatest fears?
3. For each of these fears, what is it that we should be fearing?
4. How can God use these fearful situations to form you in Christlikeness?
5. How can you redirect this fear to your advantage?
6. Pray for God's perfect love to cast out the worldly fears that you have. (This kind of prayer may take years for Him to answer.)