**BREAKING OFF THE SPIRIT OF FEAR!**

***“My people are accepting and tolerating things I never intended for them…”***

**2 Tim 1:7** – Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

God does not give a spirit of fear (timidy, cowardice, anxiety)

God does give a spirit of:

1. Power: dynamis – “dynamite”
	* miraculous power
2. Love: agape – unconditional, unwaivering love
3. Sound mind: The ancient Greek word here had the idea of a calm, self-controlled mind, in contrast to the panic and confusion that comes in a fearful situation.

**I John 4:18:** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

**ENCOURAGEMENT:**

**Ps. 23:4** - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me;

**Isa 41:10** - Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

**Isa 51:7** - Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, You people in whose heart *is* My law:
Do not fear the reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.

**Jer 17:7-8** - Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.**8**For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

**RESPONSE:**

**Psalm 34:4** - I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**1 Peter 5:7** - casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

**Phil 4:6-7** - **6**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7**and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**Isa. 26:3** - You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose* mind *is* stayed *on You,* Because he trusts in You.