"And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" Mark 4:40 KJV

If you are fearful you have no faith. A true believer waits patiently for God to fulfill His promises in His own time and in His own way, knowing by faith that it will be done and not even death frightens them, because they know it's just the portal to eternal bliss! "In Thy presence is fullness of joy and at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." There is no anxiety or fretful doubt that plagues the heart of the faithful. They live with full assurance; anticipating the outcome, and never doubting. Remember, faith is "the evidence of things NOT seen." It is the trusting obedience that complies with every jot and tittle of God's Word, not out of necessity, but out of unfeigned love of the Master that is fearless. If we do



not obey, we cannot expect the righteous Father to provide for us. Our obedience is proof of our faith. It is the evidence that our faith exists. "All things work together for good to them that love God and are the called according to His purpose." I guess the whole issue boils down to, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Your love for God will evidence itself in your deeds. "Happy are ye if ye do them." Not happy? This is why. The obedient child is a happy child. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Great Peace brings happiness. Your joy and peace hinges on your love of God. What satisfies your soul? Is it your time with God or your time with the world? "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. No man can serve two masters." If you serve your flesh, you are not serving God! Have the Holy Spirit search your heart, and "see if there be some wicked way in [thee]." You may not let others know what you're thinking, but you can't hide it from God. You know full well what you are guilty of deep down in your heart. Some are even in denial and refuse to admit to themselves that they are disobedient children. They constantly compare themselves to others instead of letting God's Word be their standard of measure. "Comparing themselves among themselves are not wise." There is no need to walk around with a pessimistic attitude if you are an obedient child. On the other hand, you cannot be optimistic about anything if you are disobedient. Your faith shrinks or grows in direct proportion to your obedience. "Hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep (obey) His commandments." Faith is the gold of Glory.

> Your little faith produces sin, Its lack undoes the best of men, Obey and prosper and be blest, And enter in to peace and rest. ~CGP

Does your love of God fan the embers of your obedience into faithfulness? If not, repent and find "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." By the way, Repentance isn't crying over your sin, it's forsaking your sin!

"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:2-4 KJV