

Beyond Fear

Acts 9:10-19a

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Acts 9:10-12 ^{NLT}

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“I’ve heard many people talk about the terrible things
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people of Israel. ¹⁶And I will show him how much he
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Acts 9:13- 16 ^{NLT}

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Go to the enemy

The Concern;

_____ might _____ me!

The Command;

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⁹Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹Never be lacking in zeal,

but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:9-11 ^{NIV}

*¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

*¹³Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.*

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

*¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.*

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another.

Romans 12:12-16a^{NIV}

*Do not be proud,
but be willing to associate with people of low position.*

*Do not be conceited. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil
for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of
everybody. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on
you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take
revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath,
for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"
says the Lord.*

Romans 12:16b-19 ^{NIV}

*²⁰On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.*

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

*²¹Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.*

Romans 12:20, 21 ^{NIV}

*¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰and teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you. And surely I am with
you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19, 20 ^{NIV}

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Acts 9:13, 14 ^{NLT}

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?”

Romans 11:33-34

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you
which path to take.*

Proverbs 3:5, 6^{NLT}

*It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.*

Psalm 119:71^{NIV}

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Mordecai Ham preached when Billy Graham was saved.

*¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised
at the painful trial you are suffering,
as though something strange were happening to you.*

*¹³But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings
of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed
when his glory is revealed.*

1 Peter 4:12, 13^{NIV}

*“Not only does suffering deepen our tie with Christ,
it also enhances the effectiveness of our ministry,
especially the ministry of evangelism.*

*This . . . is a message that ought to be emphasized
in a world that seeks to avoid pain.”*

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