Backward Faith

- **Proverbs 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

- **FEAR IS THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH; THEY REFUSE TO COEXIST.** (Faith is the forward gear, fear is the reverse gear!)
  - Fear: an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger.
  - Faith: firm belief in something for which there is no proof.

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

- **FAITH AND FEAR EVENTUALLY WILL EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS**
  - **Job 3:25** For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.
  - **Joel 3:10** Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.
  - **2 Corinthians 12:10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

- **FAITH DOESN’T MEAN PRETENDING THAT OBSTACLES DO NOT EXIST, IT MEANS REALIZING THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL REGARDLESS OF THE OBSTACLES!**

- **Hebrews 10:35-38**  
  35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.  
  36 For ye have need of patience, which, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.  
  37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.  
  38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

- **YOU CAN HAVE FAITH FOR SOMETHING UNTIL IT OCCURS, OR YOU CAN HAVE FEAR FOR SOMETHING UNTIL IT OCCURS!**

- **Psalm 34:3-4**  
  3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.  
  4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

- Both Mary and David are MAGNIFYING THE LORD, looking at Him through His promises in the FUTURE TENSE. That’s FAITH!

- **Hebrews 11:1-2**  
  1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  
  2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

- **FAITH TAKES THE “BINOCULARS OF LIFE” AND LOOKS THROUGH THE RIGHT END; FEAR LOOKS THROUGH THE WRONG END! (everything that should be big is small, and everything that should be small is big)**

- **TWELVE SPIES IN NUMBERS 13 – fear caused them to magnify the size of their problems instead of the size of their God!**

- **WHATEVER YOU GET CLOSE TO APPEARS BIGGER; WHATEVER YOU GET DISTANT FROM APPEARS SMALLER!**

- **Psalm 100:1-5**  
  1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.  
  2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.  
  3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
  4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.  
  5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

- **PRAISE IS DIFFERENT THAN THANKSGIVING! Thanksgiving is connected to what He has done; praise is linked to who He is!**

- **Psalm 100:4** (MES) Enter with the password: “Thank you!” Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

- **MOVE BEYOND THE “GATES” INTO THE “COURTS”!**