

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment. Are you fearful?

Our youngest son, Bryndan, is a gifted baseball player. When he was a freshman in high school, he played on the Varsity baseball team. I'll never forget the first game of his high school career. He pitched against one of the best teams in the state, but he didn't do too well. It seemed like they hit everything he threw close to the plate. The coach came out with the hook and took him off the mound pretty quickly. After the game I asked him, “Son, what happened out there?” He smiled and admitted, “Dad, I was scared to death.” His fear resulted in poor performance.

Fear is a deadly foe to effectiveness in the Christian life. Listen to 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 7 through 9; “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (or fear) but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the Gospel according to the power of God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purposes and grace which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.”

In this text, fear is overcome by discipline and the power of God. Discipline presupposes God has given us an assignment. “No, stay the course. Despite the fear, keep working, in a disciplined way, at what God has called you to be about. Don't get distracted.” Then there's the power of God. God releases His power in us and through us as we take steps of obedience in faith.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Fear certainly isn't a part of your calling. Confess it as sin, and claim His power to overcome.