

Out of Control Faith

Review: Live in the Spirit, Walk in the Spirit, Be Led by the Spirit
need “ears to hear” (heart to Listen and Follow)

Hindrance: the need to be in **Control** - rooted in **Fear**

River of God flowing from Temple - Healing, Life

Ezek 47:1-12, Rev 22:1-2, Jn 7:37-39 (Holy Spirit)

at some point too deep/big to be in control - Vulnerable

Joshua’s promised land instructions

(Jos 1:9) ⁹“Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (3 times)

Fear is in Conflict with Faith

(Pr 29:25) ²⁵The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be secure.

Saul vs Philistines - wait for Samuel

1Sa 13:8-14

Fear of Man led Saul to take Control - human focused worship

contrast David: “after His own heart” = “ears to hear”

Saul vs Amalekites - utterly destroy, spared King Agag (Hamon), best of livestock

1Sa 15:18-24

Fear of man led to...

Rebellion = Witchcraft - Control

Stubbornness = Iniquity/Idolatry - human focused worship

(Ex 32:4-6) ⁴And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.” ⁶Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. (human results)

worship my way (Jn 4:24)

ex: Jereboam’s golden calves (2 Chr 11, 1 Ki 12)

common demonic pattern: Rejection>>>Rebellion - self protection defense mechanism

why we must deal with our Wounds/Offenses (Rebellion/Stubbornness)

our Defense Mechanisms “protect” us from God

Trusting in the Lord requires Vulnerability

Control gives the Illusion of Freedom (just being who I am)

(2Co 3:17) ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

(Jn 8:32) ³²“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

(Jn 16:13) ¹³“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;

(Jn 8:36) ³⁶“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Free Indeed = who we really are (only He knows)

Don’t let Fear, need to be in Control keep you from True Freedom in the Spirit