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# *Big Dreams, Bigger God: Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear*

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Don't Ask Your Check Book  
Ask God

It's Not Until I Step Beyond What I Think I Can Do,  
That I Experience God's Miracles

**"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand... "For I hold you by your right hand— I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.'" *Isaiah 41:10, 13, NLT***

## **7 Significant Statements:**

I Don't Want Inflated Figures,  
I Am Asking for Committed Resolve

## **God Wants You to Have A Giving Heart**

**"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.**" *Matthew 6:19–21, NLT***

**"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for **in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy** and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints" *2 Corinthians 8:1–4, ESV***

In Their Poverty They Were Not Afraid to Give Generously

## Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear

Everyone Is Afraid of Something  
Just Don't Let It Win

**“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,  
but of power, love, and self-discipline” 2 Timothy 1:7, NLT**

Faith Overcomes Fear, When Faith  
Becomes Our Focus

## I Beat Fear by Continually Seeking God's Presence

**“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33, NLT**

## I Beat Fear by Feeding My Faith

**“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**

## I Beat Fear Through Worship and Praise

“The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake! The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established fairness... Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy! Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also called on his name. They cried to the Lord for help, and he answered them. He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud, and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them. You were a forgiving God to them, but you punished them when they went wrong. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem, for the Lord our God is holy!” **Psalm 99, NLT**

## I Beat Fear Through Obedience to The Word

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us** from your power, Your Majesty. But even if

he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

***Daniel 3:16-18, NLT***