

Faith Vs. Fear – Replacing Fear  
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Text: 1 John 4:17-19

**Step One** – Discover Boldness – vs. 17

- Boldness in HIS perfection

“...Love has been perfected among us in this way...”

- Boldness in OUR position

“... because as He is, so are we...”

*“...**Fear not:** for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine” (Isaiah 43:1b KJV)*

**Step Two** – Replace Fear with Love

*Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8 NLT*

- The Torment of fear

*“...but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment...” (Vs. 18b)*

- Get off the treadmill of fear

*“As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.” Pro. 26:11 NLT*

Honest Evaluation: What is the fear you keep returning to? \_\_\_\_\_

**Step Three** – Love God Back – vs. 19

*“We love Him because He first loved us.” (Vs. 19)*

- Jesus sets forth the greatest commandment

*“... ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”  
(Luke 10:27)*