

# CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**TOPIC: OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF SOUL-WINNING**

**TEXT: MATHEW 28:20; 2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

## INTRODUCTION:

Fear is a monster. It paralyses any attempt that could produce the best result yet to be seen. The fear of failure has stopped many from achieving the dream of their heart. “What if I fail”, they say over and over again. Yet, the possibility of being successful at the first attempt is greater than imagined, because of the Word of the Lord that says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you”. This as a matter of fact, is the only reason why success is sure, and the greatest antidote against fear.

## **STEPS TO OVERCOME FEAR OF SOUL-WINNING**

### **1. Acknowledge your fears, confess them and pray about them**

For example, a fear may be expressed by saying, “I don’t feel the presence of God”. Then go where He is... go where God’s people are. There are 365 “fear not(s)” in the Bible and each is a prescription for each day of the year. Take one a day in the morning to help you overcome fear. Acts 18:9-10

### **2. Realize The Lord is with you Matthew 28:20; Acts 18:9-10**

Sit back and think how God has preserved you in the last few months. Think of instances when He came to your aid. Those are evidences of His being with you.

### **3. Do not be afraid of making mistakes**

Mistakes are tools of learning, restricted to earth. You either acquire them from others or you produce them yourself **Isaiah 55:11**

### **4. Do not be afraid of doing more harm than good**

Believe that your good intentions, though as imperfect as they may be, can be used by God to achieve His perfect intention **Romans 8:28; Psalm 37:24**

**DISCUSSION:** Recount an awkward situation in the past while you or someone else was witnessing and how God came to your aid or theirs.

### **5. Be more concerned about winning souls than making friends**

Be kind to everyone. Meek persons obey the commandments of God. “We speak not as pleasing to men but unto God”. **1 Thessalonians 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:11**

### **6. Have a positive attitude**

Everything is not attitude, but attitude is everything. Positive attitude wins all the time **Psalm 23:1; Romans 12:2**

**DISCUSSION:** It has been said that a man’s **attitude** determines his **altitude**. How true is this, even in soul-winning? Discuss with examples.

## CONCLUSION:

Preparing our hearts by addressing the issue of fear in soul-winning and how to overcome it, is an example of planning to win. You’ve prayed, “Lord, use me”. He will use you. God does not just honour ability rather He honours availability.