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SUBJECT: FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

BEFORE I defeated the spirit of fear I use to fear the unknown. The unknown scared me because I couldn't control what I didn't know. My fear prevented me from receiving what God prepared for me. I didn't realize what my fear was doing until I took an **OBJECTIVE** view of my life.

I had an honest moment with myself. I had to find out why I was staying in the **SAME** place, with the **SAME** people who had the **SAME** mentality. In my honesty, **I SAW MY FEAR**. I was afraid of rejection. I was terrified of change. I was scared of losing control. In my torment, God spoke courage.

He said, "*I can't make you great when you are controlled by fear.*" My prayer at the age of sixteen was for God to make me great. I didn't pray for riches or fame. I prayed

for greatness. The Lord reminded me of my prayer when I was a teenager. When I heard this word, the shackles of fear were **BROKEN**.

The Lord's statement made sense to me. At that moment, I started to recall the historical figures who were great in their field. The legendary boxer, Muhammad Ali was the greatest athlete of our lifetime because he **CONQUERED** the fear of persecution.

Martin L. King was one of the most influential civil rights leaders because he **CONQUERED** the fear of rejection. The person I related to the most was Abram. God told Abram to leave his country, relatives and everything familiar to him when he was over seventy years old.

I could only imagine the fear Abram was feeling. The fear of not knowing how things would work out. The fear of starting over. The fear of uncertainty. The fear of change.

With the command to walk in the unfamiliar facing him, Abram **OBEY** God! That was inspiring to me! When he obeyed God he became the father of many nations. God made him famous. He blessed him with countless descendants and he lived the rest of his days in the goodness of God.

If Abram chose not to walk toward the unfamiliar he would of **MISSED HIS DESTINY**. Genesis 12:1-3 says, *"The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you, and I will place a curse on those who harm you. And all the people on earth will be blessed through you."*

TAKEAWAY: Your destiny lies in the shadows of what is unfamiliar. Walking by faith will **FORCE** you to walk toward the unknown. However, it is the unknown places where your greatest blessings are **HIDDEN**.

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