

Ready, Set, Fearless

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The “ready” position is the stance that an athlete takes to be prepared to take on any challenge.

Does a player in “ready” position appear afraid? No, his attitude is “bring it!” Ready position for the Secret Service, instructs agents to have their hands around their waist, ready to defend at all times. The Secret Service agent is not afraid.

If you’re ready, you are not afraid.

Don’t be afraid of tyrants, financial ruin, life or death. We fear the world and everything in it, but we don’t fear God. If we fear God, then we don’t have to fear the other things. We can’t shut out our Big God.

Jesus says Luke 12:4 “Don’t fear those who kill the body, fear Him who has the power to send your soul to hell, Fear Him!”

I want you not to be afraid. But you will be fearless only if you are ready.

Fear God? What does that mean?

Jesus said, “I have come to bring fire on the earth, but I have a baptism. Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, not peace, but division!”

Jesus is speaking to His purpose and identity as Son of God. “You need to understand who I am, and are committed to follow me and no other.”

Jesus is not namby-pamby bathrobe-wearing man. He came to bring fire upon the earth by condemning evil. By undergoing a baptism of suffering and death, He bore the sins of the world in the eyes of a Holy God.

Jesus understands what we need to know. There will be no more tears, but not yet. But if there is no justice, there is no peace.

Jesus came to bring cleansing, fire and eternal life. Truth is truth. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. This truth will divide.

We can’t ignore the truth or compromise it.