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Faith is the power of God as fear is the power of Satan.

We're all born with the same ability to believe. However since Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), it is his lies that are everywhere causing the natural man to believe in his lies which are always negative and fear producing, such as, "You'll get sick," "you'll fail," "you're not good enough," etc. The only antidote for being driven by fear is to put your belief energy into God's truth and turn fear into faith. Each belief system will work to bring into manifestation the object of its own belief. In other words, you'll get whatever you believe, good or bad. (Proverbs 23:7)

Write down the lies of Satan that you have been believing, then study the Scriptures to learn what God says about those very issues, and redirect your belief energy from satan's lies to God' Truth, and be driven by creative faith instead of destructive fear.

The righteous will live by faith. -Romans 1:17

Question for the Both of Us: What lies of Satan have we been believing that cause us to act out of our fears? What is God's Truth?

Prayer for the Both of Us: Lord, help us redirect our belief energy from satan's lies to your truth, that we will be driven by faith, not fear.

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