

# Fear Not: Ego is the Enemy - Dr. Mark Batterson, 11/27/22

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FEAR—False Evidence Appearing Real

*“Find out what a person FEARS MOST and that is where he will DEVELOP NEXT.”*

*—Carl Jung*

*“Perfect love casts out all fear.”*

*—1John 4:18*

*“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born KING OF THE JEWS? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was DISTURBED, and all Jerusalem with him.”*

*—Matthew 2:1-3*

## 4 Principles of Peace Making: Listen Well, Ask Anything, Disagree Freely, Love Regardless

### *Rule #1: Overlook the Offense!*

*“They are not reacting to YOU. They are reacting to their ENTIRE LIFE.”*

*—Bob Goff*

*“Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time when the star appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said: “Go and make a careful search the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”*

*—Matthew 2:7-8*

*“With SUCCESS comes the temptation to TELL ONESELF a story, to round off the edges, to cut out your lucky break and add a certain MYTHOLOGY to it all. It’s the type of storytelling in which YOUR TALENT becomes YOUR IDENTITY and YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS become YOUR WORTH.”*

*—Ryan Holliday*

### *Rule #2: Check Your Ego at the Door!*

Theory of Identity: IDENTITY ISSUES are IDOLATRY ISSUES

### *RULE #3: Don’t let Fear dictate your Decision!*

*“When Herod realized he had been OUTWITTED by the Magi, he was FURIOUS, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and it’s vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.”*

*—Matthew 2:16*

*“Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they were no more.”*

*—Matthew 7:17-18*

The best way to FACE OUR FEARS is by FALLING IN LOVE with God all over again.

*Above all else, know this is true.*

*That God is singing all around you.*

*And what is He saying in that voice, still and small?*

*That you, my dear, are His favorite of all.*

*—[God Speaks in Whispers](#) by Mark Batterson and  
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