

Following Through The Spirit

Learning to Enjoy and Trust
Our Awesome God

What Are We Afraid Of?

- Things of Nature – spiders, snakes, squirrels, dark
- Things Unpredicted – Accidents, Job Loss, Flying
- Things of Man – Covid-19, Terrorism, Robbery, Assault, Public speaking, social interaction
- Things of Us – Failure, Acceptance, Death
- Things of Faith – Lack of Money, People, God (and not in a good way)

What Does God Say?

- 2 Tim.1:7 – “For God gave us a spirit – NOT OF FEAR – but of POWER and LOVE and SELF-CONTROL”
- I have equipped you, I given you my Spirit - Eph.1:13-14
- I have Empowered you! – Eph.1:18-20
- I Love you! – John 15:13-14
- I have enabled self discipline – Rom.8:1-4

Why Are We Afraid?

- We have suffered a traumatic event and we allow our past to control our future
- We have misunderstood or have been given wrong information. Need truth
- Misplaced Fear – Lk.12:4-12
- We do not trust God
 - We believe God does not know, care or is able.
 - We are not sure God Really Loves Us
 - We have never Experienced the care and love of God

The Gift Of The Spirit

- The moment we made the decision to be a follower of Jesus, God gave us the Holy Spirit to live in us and empower us to follow Him. Eph.1:11-14
- The same power that raised Christ from the dead is the same amount of power available to us! – Eph.1:18-20
- The Holy Spirit is given to teach us the things God. Knowing God’s truth brings peace - John 14:22-23, 25-27;
- The Holy Spirit Empowers us to live Holy lives - Rom.8:12-17

How Can I Live Without Fear?

- Have a correct view of God.
 - God is not a Candy Machine
 - God is more concerned about your personal Character than your happiness
 - The #1 thing God wants you to discover is that he is your ultimate source of Joy.
- See God as bigger than your circumstances
 - David and Goliath – Overwhelming Odds

How Can I Live Without Fear?

- Do not live in the fear of what “might be”, God is in control of what “will be”
- Covid-19 is no more to be feared than anything else that “might” happen to you!
- Assault – Book of Acts
- Robbery – Heb.10:34
- Financial – Matt.14:13; 27:17; 6:31-33
- God’s servants doing God’s work, God’s way will never lack God’s supply

How Can I Live Without Fear?

- Ask God to show how He is able to meet you in all of your fears
- Ask God to show you when you are reacting in fear instead of faith
- Learn to wait on God for direction and confirmation
- Learn to exercise your Faith muscles