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Fear not, little flock; ...

Luke 12:32



Have you ever been scared? We all get scared sometime. Something in our lives will scare us eventually. Jesus Christ is a friend that will help us in a time of FEAR. When we do not know where to turn, what to do and where to go, we always have Jesus Christ's Words to comfort us. *I John 4:18* says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." Many things can scare us: people, darkness, height, animals etc. That is why God told us to "Fear Not" 63 times in the Bible.

Learn not to fear:

I. When God allows bad things to happen in our lives.



There is a story in the Bible about a man named, Joseph. His brothers hated him and sold him into slavery and they lied to their father saying that he died. Joseph eventually became the most powerful person besides Pharaoh (King of Egypt). His brothers were afraid because they thought he would have revenge on them and kill them. Joseph told them not to FEAR because he learned not to be afraid when he was going through hard times. *Genesis 50:20* says, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Learn not to fear what happens to us when bad things happen. God allows it to happen for a purpose to help us become a strong Christian. *Romans 8:28* says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." We don't always understand what God is doing. Just trust Him in all things.

1. Joseph did not fear but learned to:

A. Wait on the Lord.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

B. Go to God for help.

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

C. Give his problems to God.

I Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

II. When people try to discourage us for being Christians.

Daniel was a godly man in the Bible who tried to do the right thing all the time. He prayed times a day in *Daniel 6:10*. Some men did not like it and made a law that he could not pray. If he prayed to God, he would be thrown into the lions' den. Daniel was not afraid but obeyed God and prayed to Him. *Daniel 6:10* says, "... he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and praised, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." He was cast into the lions den for a whole night, but the lions did not eat him. *Daniel 6:22* says, "My God hath sent his angels, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me..." Daniel learned not to be afraid when people tried to discourage him in doing right.



A. Daniel learned not to fear because God's Word says:

1. *I Chronicles 28:20* says, "... for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not forsake thee, nor forsake thee, ..."
2. *Psalms 115:10* says, "... he is their helper and their savior."
3. *Psalms 34:4* says, "I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."

B. Daniel learned not to be afraid but to:

1. "... Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: ..." - *I Chronicles 28:20*.
2. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." - *Proverbs 3:5*.

III. When standing up for God.

There were three Hebrew men in the Bible named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. These men stood up to the king when the king made a law that all the people had to bow down to his statue. They said they would not bow down to that idol. The king told them if anyone who did not bow to the statue would be thrown into the fiery furnace. The three Hebrew men said this: *Daniel 3:17-18*, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." The king was very angry and threw them into the fiery furnace immediately. To the king's surprise these men did not die and a fourth person was there "like the Son of God." Jesus was there with them. Jesus will always be there to help you through times like these. Never fear or be afraid to do the right thing because God will take care of you.



A. The three Hebrew men were not afraid but learned:

1. God takes care of the sparrows, He will take care of you.

Luke 12:6-7, "... not one of them is forgotten before God? ... Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."

2. God will deliver you from your troubles.

Psalms 34:6, "This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

3. God will comfort you.

Psalms 23:4, "... I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

God does not want us to fear. If you have received Christ as your Savior, then you have the best friend in the world to help you go through troubles. It even gets better. As a child of God, the Holy Ghost lives in you. The Holy Ghost will comfort you. *John 14:26-27* says, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, ... Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." With Jesus and God the Father beside us and the Holy Ghost in us, we have no need to fear.



We do not have to be
afraid because:

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Romans 15:4

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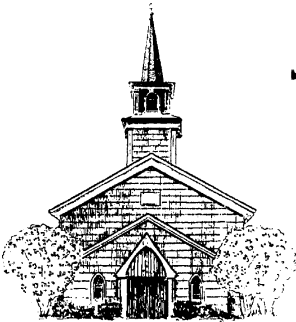
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