

Hero Speeches – Henry V | Braveheart | Lord of the Rings - 'For Frodo' | Samwise Joke

Why are such speeches impactful? Assurance from our leader **Fear Happens**

Genesis 3 – Heard God walking in the garden in the cool of the day – Hid...because they were afraid

Problem – Depression – Anxiety – Doubt – Paranoia - Immobilization = Effect Spiritual Life

Because Fear Happens **Big idea: Put Fear in its Proper Place**

Context: Jesus is about to put, (28) to the test **'We have left everything to follow you'** | **Speech - Pray**

And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the Chief Priests and the Scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him, and after three days He will rise.

Humanly Speaking = Unusual Hero – 'Plan...let's go North Korea and sing 'Proud to be an American'

Passover = Jerusalem was madness | Third time they've heard it - Real - Intensity - Amazed & Afraid

The response of those with Jesus is an obvious one...**Fear** | **Put fear in its proper place, remember...**

1. You're in Good Company (32a)

And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed and those who followed were afraid.

Two kinds of fear: 1. Beneficial and encouraged | 2. Determent and overcome | **Determent first...**

• Detrimental fear mentioned in the Bible is the "spirit of fear"

2 Timothy 1:7 - 'For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control'

1 John 4:18 - 'There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.'

Never God's will for us to have the spirit of fear...fearfulness and timidity does not come from God

No one is perfect, God knows this... carpet bombed encouragement against fear throughout Bible.

• Genesis to Revelation, God reminds us to **"Fear not."** **'Found over 360 times—verse day for year**

Fear isn't good for you but it's common...you're not alone | **TEXT:** Fears disheartened the disciples

Never think the greatest souls are heroic right through – **Glorious army of the martyrs were afraid**

Soccer House – Parents = It wasn't broken | **'Pretend Perfection' – Don't want people...broken**

'Spirit of Fear' – Isn't healthy...determent...shouldn't be hidden - The disciples didn't...

Put fear in its proper place, remember you're in good company and second...remember...

2. God's way is best (32b) - God's way may be what is inducing the fear

And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him,

Yes Jesus...we didn't need clarifying what we're doing...that's why we're afraid

We want you to tell us something else...we're afraid and we want God to change His mind

How often when we're afraid are we asking God to change His mind?

• **Are you sure this is the best idea? Maybe skip this Passover and catch the next one...Isa. 55:8-9**

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.' **WHY!?**

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• **Ronald Regan 'What would this country be without this great land of ours'**

• **Franklyn Roosevelt – 1933 – Great Depression 'Nothing to fear but fear itself'**

There were real reasons for the disciples to fear | **Jewish Expectations of Messiah**

a) Establish His Kingdom and vindicate people | Messiah would destroy all opposing nations

b) Jerusalem would be restored...made new and glorious | Dispersed Jews would return to Israel

c) Israel would become the center of the world | Time of eternal peace, righteousness, and glory

This perspective left no room for a dead Messiah...Jesus is forecasting his grisly murder...saying follow

We must commit to follow God through the fear

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This sounds moronic... (follow me...I'm going to be tortured and killed) but is actually phenomenal

• Jesus would fulfill the promise that would be the means of salvation | **It came down to trust**

The fear was not enough to stop the following - **Fear did not hinder progress**

Fear in their hearts, but fidelity in their steps

God's way may be what's causing your fear, but God's way is best!

HOW: How do we overcome the fear in our hearts

• **Replace the lie of fear with the Truth of God's Word**

○ Focus: Adopt a correct view of God: Character, Nature, Promises

○ Refuse any false beliefs...world makes up who God is...know who God is

Fortify yourself in the thoughts of who Christ is

• **Partner with faithful believers**

○ Prayer warriors and those who keep you grounded and accountable

○ Be honest with God – Verbalize weakness and trust

Fortify yourself with spiritual safeguards

• **Seek peace in the process**

○ Rely on the Holy Spirit against the Spirit of Fear

○ Trust God's faithfulness and power even when you cannot see the outcome

Fortify yourself with the promises of God

Isaiah 41:10 "fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" | **God's way is best**

Be confident in your fear, remember...you're in good company – God's way is best...remember...

3. Fear God Not Man (33-34)

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I said there are two types for fear:

• Determent to be overcome – Fear of man | Beneficial to be encouraged – Fear the Lord

○ Reverential awe: Power & Glory | Wrath & Anger | Total = Knowing Him & Attributes

Fear of the Lord brings with it many blessings and benefits.

• It is the beginning of wisdom and leads to good understanding (Psalm 111:10)

• Furthermore, fear of the Lord leads to life, rest, peace, and contentment (Proverbs 19:23)

• Provides a security and a place of safety for us (Proverbs 14:26)

• It is a fountain of life (Proverbs 14:27) **You can see how fearing God should be encouraged.**

The only things we should fear are God and not following the God

Jesus, in perfection of His humanity and deity, had no fear of man...man was about to do his worst

Sufferings of the Son of Man: Disloyalty | Rejection | Injustice | Ridicule | Torture | Death

• **Such a death should abhorred – Death of agony shame Universally was pitied...Christ desired it**

That the cross was an object of desire and of intense longing to our saviors' heart is a statement

almost too remarkable to be asserted

Consider the reasons for Christ's desire for the cross

• **The cross itself was not to be desired...it is the result**

God's Glory – (John 5:30 / John 17:1) | Salvation of Humankind – (John 12:24)

Something you might have missed... (32)

And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem and Jesus was walking ahead of them.

When it comes to humility and suffering, Jesus does not only teach...He leads the way

Jesus is in the advance of His followers – A fixed purpose stamped on His face

• Haste in His stride – Determination as he moved from Jericho to Jerusalem

(Fear) The Disciples: Can't we just skip the Passover this year?

(Determination) Jesus: No...This year we're bringing the Passover Lamb

They will kill Him, and after three days He will rise

That's the Hero Speech - Christ's plan never had uncertainty

Following Christ left people astonished and afraid...it did then...it does now

Put fear in its proper place – You're in good company | God's way is best | Fear God not man

The question isn't 'will you fear?', 'but will you follow?'

Fear happens: Assurance from your leader - **'When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.'** – Psalm 56:3