



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. When the Fake News of Fear strikes your life, where does it typically strike? Why do you think this is a vulnerable area for you? What promises in scripture can you think of that speak to rebuking this specific fear?
2. What things in life does fear keep you from? Are there dreams unrealized, risks you've not taken, a mission you've not engaged? Name it. Put it before the Lord and ask Him to see you through.
3. How can you block the Fake News of Fear from taking root in your heart from here?
4. If you are suffering with fear this morning, spend some time before the Lord confessing this fear and asking for his help.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. Fear is something everyone of all ages can relate to. Ask your kids about their fears. Look for scriptures that specifically speak to these fears and then spend some time praying through these fears together.
2. Read and discuss together the account found in Matthew 8:23-27.

FAKE NEWS

You can't always believe what you hear.

Today's Service

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Series: Fake News

Part 2: A Weapon Called Fear

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What am I afraid of? _____

Matthew 8:23-27 (NLT) ²³Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. ²⁴Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" ²⁶Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. ²⁷The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"

Truth: Life is _____.

Storms come _____; without any warning.

Storms have the tendency to _____ us.

There is an inverse correlation between _____ and _____.

Christians are not _____ from storms.

John 16:33 (NLT) ³³I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

The difference for Christians is _____ we have in the boat with us during the storm.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Jesus handled the great _____ with great _____.

"Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms his child". ~Unknown

1 John 4:18 (ESV) ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Psalms 27:1 (NLT) ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

Luke 12:6-7 (NLT) ⁶"What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. ⁷And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) ¹⁰Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

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