

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT

Conquering Fear with Faith

SERMON #4: Fear of Death

Select Scriptures

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FEAR OF DEATH IS CENTERED ON:

- Fear of dying and _____.
- Fear of dying and leaving _____ behind.
- Fear of _____ dying.
- Fear of the actual _____.

FEAR OF DEATH ISN'T OUR ONLY OPTION.

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

DEATH DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN “_____.”

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 14:13-14)

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...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7)

STEP ONE: Choose Humble Dependence

STEP TWO: Trust God More

STEP THREE: Control Your Thoughts

STEP FOUR: Break Strongholds of Fear

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

FREEDOM FROM A FEAR OF DEATH ALLOWS US TO LIVE A COURAGEOUS FAITH TODAY!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

(John 11:25-26)

Biblical Reasons Death Should Not Be Feared (from "What Are You Afraid Of?" by Dr. David Jeremiah)

1. The prince of death has been defeated. (Hebrews 2:14-15)
2. The power of death has been destroyed. (Isaiah 25:8; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57)
3. The process of death has been described. (Luke 16:19-31)
4. The picture of death has been developed. (Psalm 23:4; Hebrews 13:5)

NEXT WEEK: WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT: Fear of Disapproval (Matthew 10:16-33)

Legend:

Fear of dying and going to hell.

Fear of dying and leaving loved ones behind.

Fear of loved ones dying.

Fear of the actual dying process.

Death doesn't have to mean "Goodbye."

Death is a journey, not a destination.

Physical

Spiritual

Second Death

Born once, die twice; born twice, die once.

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