



Introduction: Data tells us that ___ million Americans suffer from fear.

In verse 26 Jesus said to them, *Therefore do not fear them*

You see, _____ is very real!

Examples may include a fear of:

And what about the scientific names given to people's fears:

Acronym for FEAR

- _____
- EVIDENCE
- APPEARING
- _____

A phobia is an irrational fear of something unlikely to _____ harm. The word itself comes from the Greek word "phobos," which means "_____" or "_____."

As we approach our text, we discover that Jesus provides _____ reasons why His apostles didn't need to **FEAR** persecution.

I. We have _____ words - 10:27

27 *“Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.*

The NLT reads, *“What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to _____ !”*

Jesus is speaking to His _____. He had just told them about coming persecution, and now he is telling them that whatever He has said to them in the dark, they are to speak in the light.

One guy wrote, “Speak the truth _____. Speak it often. Speak it clearly and speak it boldly.”

The apostles were to go and _____ the Gospel (the Good News). The words of Jesus are LIFE words.

Scripture says, *“Perfect love casts out all fear”* (1 John 4:8).

Flat Roofs

Rooftop Preaching – Outhouse

We do not need to _____ because we are bearers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. God’s Word transforms lives!

II. We have an _____ God – 10:28

28 *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

Often in life, we get things _____ Jesus sought to get the apostles to think _____.

Catch what Jesus taught His apostles:

- Don't fear those who may _____ you to the point of death. They can't do anything more.
- Fear _____ He can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Charles Spurgeon penned, "There is no _____ for the fear of man like the fear of God."

Warren Wiersbe wrote, "The fear of God is the fear that _____ fear."

The Greek word for "hell" here is "gehenna" (gheh'-en-nah), and it speaks about a place of _____ punishment.

III. We are greatly _____ - 10:29-31

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

In Bible days people sold sparrows for food and _____. Two sparrows didn't cost much. Just one small copper coin. In Luke 12:6 we read, "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Here we see that if you purchased four birds, one was thrown in for free.

Back in Matthew 10, Jesus says that not one sparrow falls to the _____ apart from your Father's will.

His Eyes is on the _____ - Hymn writer Civilla D. Martin

Matthew 10:30, "*But the very _____ of your head are all numbered.*"

We need to be reminded that we have a God who is into _____!

Dr. John MacArthur writes, “ _____ providence governs even the smallest details, and even the mundane matters.”

The NLT reads, “So don’t be _____ ; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

If God is aware of the _____, is He not far more aware of what you and I face as we go through everyday life? God knows everything we face – frozen pipes, car wrecks, poor health, sick kids, fears, and persecution.

How then should we live? I believe that we as believers should live _____ lives. Overcome your FEARS by taking in God’s Word and sharing it with others. Overcome your FEARS by fearing God alone. Overcome your FEARS by recognizing how much God values you.

Conclusion: Here are our take-home _____ from this section of the Gospel of Matthew. They are:

1. What we are told in the _____ (discipleship) we are to speak in the _____. We are all called to PREACH the word.
2. What we hear in the _____ we are to preach from the _____ (gather your sphere of influence around you).
3. Do not fear earthly _____ – they can only _____ the body. It’s temporary only. All they can do is send you to heaven.
4. Fear _____ who can destroy both body and soul in hell. We are to fear God alone.
5. Remember _____ cares for the sparrows, and nothing can happen to us that God doesn’t permit.
6. We are of more _____ than the sparrows. This should offer us great comfort.