

Pt. 4: Afraid For Nothing

Questions for further study and application:

Day 1

Acts 4:1-4, tells you that Peter and John were seized and put in jail for teaching people about Jesus and His resurrection. Fear works in a similar way; it tried to seize your future and your dreams and lock you away. However, the truth is that faith is no match for fear. As you strengthen your faith, the more difficult it becomes for fear to stop you. It takes courage to have bold faith. You can find the courage you need by inviting God into your situation and trusting Him to lead you down the right paths. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13. When you begin to doubt and have fear, recite this verse to yourself. This is a great way to strengthen your courage and faith.

What's New?

In honor of Labor Day weekend, the 6:00 PM service at the Yorktown Campus is cancelled on September 3. Be sure to make plans to attend the morning services.

- Pay 2 Read Acts 4:19. Peter and John question which is right; to listen to the priests or God. Sometimes, it can be easy to fall into a practice of worrying about what other people will think of you or what they'll say about you. Read Proverbs 29:25. Think about it. When fear has you ensnared, you are at its mercy and you remain stuck. You are not able to grow from a spiritual perspective. Being fearful of others opinions can keep you from being obedient to God. You're making decisions based on someone else's opinions and not God's. Don't miss out on feeling fulfilled, content, and happy by becoming trapped by your fear of others opinions. Place your trust in faith in God today and enjoy His comfort.
- Day 3 In Acts 4:20, Peter and John proclaim that they cannot help speaking about what they've seen and heard about Jesus. Think about a time when you saw an amazing movie, read an incredible book, or watched an outstanding television show. You probably talked about how much you enjoyed it and encouraged your friends to check it out. Sharing your story about how Jesus has changed your life can be pivotal to helping change their future. Read Psalm 66:16. It's that easy to say. Come and hear what God has done for me. Remember it's okay if they don't immediately respond to your story. You've helped by planting a seed. Think about who in your life would benefit from hearing your story and ask God for confidence to share your story.
- Pay 4 Read Acts 2:29a- 31. The first recorded prayer in the Bible is a prayer for boldness. Thinking about being bold may create a little anxiety for you, but becoming bolder is simple when you start with taking smaller steps. Begin by asking God for courage to be bold. Consider this, when you are confident in God and you're confident in what He can do in your life, it's then that you can embrace being bold. That confidence allows you to get out of your comfort zone and begin to experience God's best for you! Focus your prayers today on being bold enough to share your story and invite that person you've been thinking of to come to church with you.
- You may think that being bold means you have to be pushy or confrontational. When you have God leading you, then you are simply being comfortable and confident when you share your story or extend an invitation. The key here is that you have involved God and have faith knowing the end result is in His hands. John 3:16 says that God loved us so much that he gave his one and only son so we can have eternal life. There are people you know that don't know Jesus and you have been placed in their lives by God to help them see all He can be for them. God has your back. Take time today to pray for the people in your life that need to hear your story and ask for boldness to share it with them.