



DEALING WITH FEAR JESUS' WAY
MATTHEW 10

Where we've been:

1. Paul began his letter with this truth: fear in life & ministry does not come from God!

2Tim. 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2. How does Jesus get to the topic of His people being persecuted for His sake?

Matt. 10:7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Incentives for courage (Matthew 10:26-31):

Justice ultimately prevails (26-27).

1. Don't be fearful since every action & motive will be dealt with by God (26).

Matt. 10:26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

2. Thus, proclaim kingdom truths learned from Jesus (27).

Matt. 10:27 "What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Power ultimately lies with God (28).

Matt. 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

1. This complements the ultimate justice just mentioned in verse 26.
2. This requires an eternity settled heart.

God ultimately cares for His people (29-31).

Matt. 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

1. God's care shows up like the perfect Father.
2. God's care expresses our value to Him.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Can you identify a time when you were treated differently because you spoke up about Jesus? Explain the circumstances. Would you do anything differently if you faced similar circumstances today? Why?
2. Based on our study of Matthew 10:26-31 how might you prepared for the time when others mistreat you because of Jesus? Look at the three major points above and determine how you might develop confidence in the justice of God and His power and care for you.
3. What additional passages have you benefitted from that deal with this issue of fear? How have they helped you develop courage?

SONGS

"Found In You" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"Stand In Your Love" - Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, and Rita Springer

"This Is Amazing Grace" - Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, and Phil Wickham

"Goodness Of God" - Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$31,887.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$511,917.69

YTD GENERAL NEED: \$599,624.00