

Do Not Surrender to Fear but Surrender to Christ Jesus

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Fear.

Worry, anxiety, fear...can overwhelm us with a thick shadow of darkness, controlling our every move and decision.

So much “crazy” is going on around us today. We fear for our children’s future, we fear for our families, we fear for our financial future, we fear for our safety. The list goes on and on ...long.

There actually is a lot we could potentially worry about. Yet reality tells us that so much of what we spend our time worrying about never even happens. Living under the weight of the “what if’s” is a hard place to dwell.

Let us read words - of life, of truth. There’s nothing magical about words and verses, but there is power through them because they’re God’s words.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” – Isaiah 41:10

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” – 1 John 4:18

“When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.” – Psalm 94:19

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” – 2 Timothy 1:7

While the world lives in fear, Christians must look to the peace and power of God and be living the hope found in His name. Faith can be an antidote to fear, and nothing strengthens a believer’s faith like the promises of God.

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“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.” – 1 Timothy 1:7

“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You.” – Isaiah 26:3

“There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.” – 1 John 4:18

Put your hope and trust in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

While the coronavirus may impact our health, our economy, and our way of life, we serve a God who is bigger and stronger than any sickness, fear, or darkness, and He has a plan. Our God is Healer, Provider, Saviour, Redeemer and King.

So trust in the Lord, trust in His power, trust in His plan, and stand firm in His promises. Be the church and the light and love of Jesus Christ to a sick and frightened world. And when you, too, are afraid, never forget that “weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy *comes* in the morning.” (Psalms 30:5)