

“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews...” – John 20:19



Overcoming Fear by the Resurrection

Thomas Sunday 2023



Fear of Commitment

- He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. (Jn. 21:17)
- "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." (Jn. 21:18)
- This fear can be overcome through humility

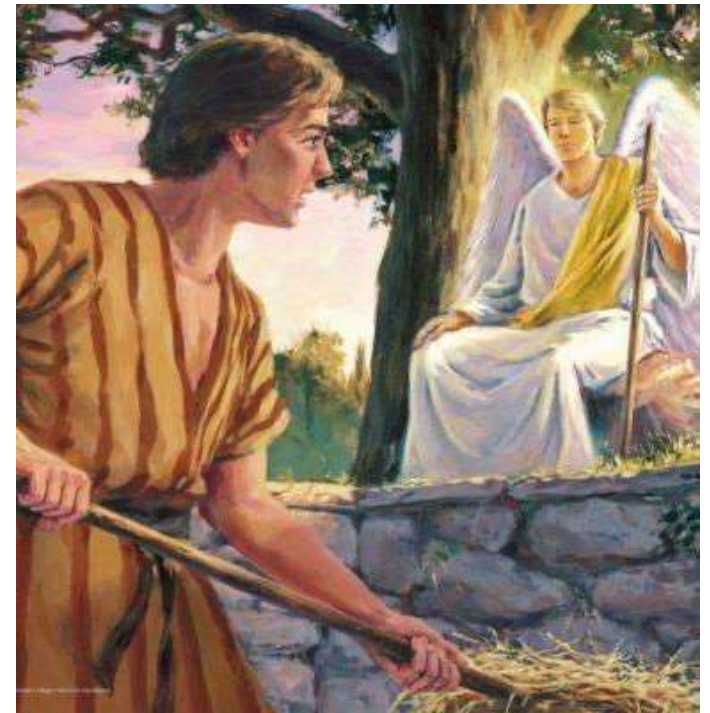


Fear of Adversaries

- EX: Jacob set to meet Esau
- “So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.” (Gen. 32:7)
- EX: The Martyrs
- Faith in the Resurrection give the believer victory over all our fears from our adversaries.

Fear of Ability

- EX: Gideon
- Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." (Judg. 6:14-15)
- And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." (Judg. 6:16)
- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13)



Conclusion

- “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (Jn. 20:29)
- The light of faith is always on.

