



“And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.
See that you are not troubled; for all these
things must come to pass, but the end is not
yet.” (Matt. 24:6)

FACING FEAR

Fear is normal and natural

- ▣ One who does not fear will be subject to danger
- ▣ Fear helps protect us



Too much fear can be harmful and crippling

- ▣ Satan tempts us with too much fear and to fear things that are not really there
- ▣ Where does this fear come from?
- ▣ “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid...” (Gen. 3:8)



**WHAT ARE SOME COMMON
FEARS AND HOW TO HANDLE
THEM?**

The Unknown

▣ Jacob

- “So He said, ‘I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.’” (Gen. 45:3)

▣ Joshua

- “Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.” (Josh. 1:6)

▣ “You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of an arrow flying in the day...” (Ps. 90:5)

▣ “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” (Ps. 27:1)

Enemies

▣ Jacob

- “Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, ‘We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.’ So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed...” (Gen. 32:6-7)

▣ Moses

- “If you should say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?’ — you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.” (Deut. 7:18)

Enemies

- ▣ We should expect troubles from our enemies
 - “And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you are blessed. And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.” (1 Pet. 3:13-14)
- ▣ Joseph
 - “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” (Gen. 50:20)
- ▣ “The fear of the wicked will come upon him...” (Prov. 10:24)

Authority

- ▣ Parents of the man born blind
 - “His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.” (Jn. 9:22)
- ▣ Disciple of the Lord
 - “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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Jn. 20:19)

Authority

- ▣ Man's authority is temporary
- ▣ “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.”
(Jn. 19:11)
- ▣ “For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid...”
(Rom. 13:3-4)

Nature

- ▣ Jonah
- ▣ Disciples of the Lord
- ▣ Talk of the Second Coming



Tomorrow

- ▣ “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matt. 6:34)
- ▣ “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:28)