Church of Christ George

Gazette

09th February 2020

Fear Not!

I am unaware of the original source of the following story:

As a sergeant in a parachute regiment I took part in several night time exercises. At one time I was seated next to a Lieutenant fresh from Jump School.

He was quiet, sad, and looked a bit pale so I struck up a conversation. "Scared, Lieutenant?", I asked.

He replied, "No, just a bit apprehensive."

I asked, "What's the difference?"

He replied, "That means I'm scared with a university education."

Uncertainty probably causes us more stress than any number of negative events. It strikes deep into our hearts, results in ulcers, sleeplessness, short temperedness, cardiac disease and a number of other ailments and problems. We become afraid of what might happen, afraid of what might not happen, afraid of what the future holds. The less influence we have on the direction and outcome of our lives the worse the tension and stress. "Let go and let God" becomes extremely difficult and often impossible.

Jesus shows clearly that the remedy for "fear" is "faith." Listen again to this familiar Bible story:

"Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the

waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' But He said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm." (Matt. 8:23-26)

That calm was like the calm found in the gentle blowing (I Kings 19:12) when Elijah was so afraid of Jezebel that he ran away into the mountains. Fear will drive out faith, but faith will drive out fear. Remember the words of Romans 8:35-39? "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

A once-popular song included these words: "Put your hand in the hand of the one who stilled the water, put your hand in the hand of the one who calmed the sea." Don't lose your focus when life's troubles and problems suddenly seem to increase to frightening heights. Jesus is in the boat with us! It won't sink because our Lord won't let it. Don't give up but "frighten the fear away" with prayer and faith.

Have a wonderful week,

This Weeks Memory Verse

Luke 19:10

10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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items will be appreciated.

Non-perishable food

Toiletries

09 February	DUTY ROSTER	16 February
AM		AM
Leroy	SONG LEADER	Leroy
Walter	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Reinhold
Walter	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Reinhold
Marclen & John	AM SERVERS	Reinhold & Robert
Walter	LORD'S SUPPER	Reinhold
Reinhold	PREACHING	Danny
Leroy	CLOSING PRAYER	Robert

Today's Order of Worship		
Song 1 (685)	Lord, I'm Coming Home	
Song 2 (472)	Sing and Be Happy	
Song 3 (663)	You Never Mentioned Him To Me	
Song 4 (343)	Take Time To Be Holy	
Song 5 (529)	The Lord's My Shepherd (1st vs)	



Christine
Quintin
Estelle
Rain
Levson (Work)
Lynn vd Walt
Marclen & Family
SA Bible College

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Title & Opening Scripture	"A Tale of Two Sorrows" Mat 26 & 27	
Other Scriptures	•Exo 21:32•Zech 13:7•1 Cor. 10:12	

Attend	lance Figures
22 Dec	49
29 Dec	45
05 Jan	46
19 Jan	36
26 Jan	48
22 Feb	44

Sunday School Teachers

09th Feb Walter
16th Feb Jacqui
23rd Feb Combined

Kiddies Class

09th Feb Antoinette
16th Feb Reinhold
23rd Feb Combined