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Faith Over Fear

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How many of you are human here? Well if you are human (and I do believe all of you are), you are going to struggle with being afraid. You could be afraid of the dark, being alone, clowns, bugs, or the fear of something happening to someone you love.

God knew that we would be people who struggle with fear. He knew that in our world darkened by sin, there would be many things to be afraid of. If you search the Bible, the word "Fear" is mentioned 326 times. Over and over again, God says, "Do not be afraid."

"Do not be afraid?" How is that even possible? Spend time to focus on what the word teaches us.

Worship

The Brave Ones (with Lyrics)

Blessed Assurance (with Lyrics)





Bible Passage
2 Kings 6: 8-18



Devotion
Rev. Larry Varghese



Memory Verse
Psalm 27: 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

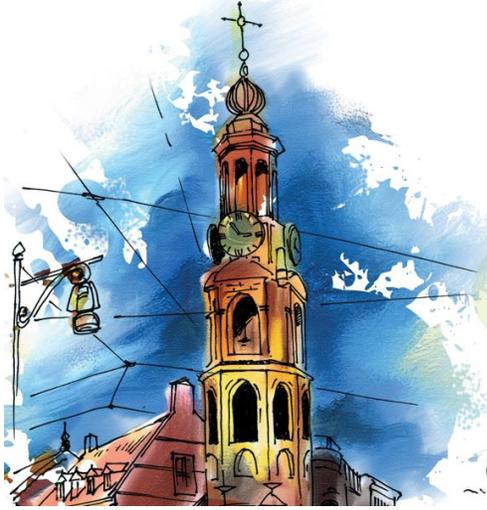
The Story of how God saves Israel from Aram's army

The King of Aram was at war with Israel. He talked things over with his officers. Then he said, "I'm going to set up my camp in a certain place." Elisha, the man of God sent a message to the King of Israel. It said, "Try to stay away from that place, Aram's army is going to be down there." The King of Israel checked on the place the man of God had told him about. Time after time Elisha warned the King. So, the King was on guard in those places.

All of that made the King of Aram very angry. He sent for his officers. He said to them, "Tell me. Which of us is on the side of the King of Israel? ". "You are my King and master, " said one of his officers. "None of us is on Israel's side. But Elisha is a prophet in Israel. He tells the King of Israel the very words you speak in your own bedroom." "Go and find where he is," the King ordered, "Then I can send my men and capture him."

The report came back. It said, "He's in Dothan.". Then the King sent horses and chariots and a strong army there. They went at night and surrounded the city. The servant of the man of God got up the next morning. He went out early. He saw that an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "My master!" the servant said. "What can we do?"

"Don't Be Afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them. " Elisha prayed, "Lord open my servant's eyes so he can see." Then the Lord opened his eyes. He looked up and saw the hills. He saw that Elisha was surrounded by horses and chariots. Fire was all around them. Aram's army came down towards Elisha. Then he prayed to the Lord. He said, "Make these soldiers blind." So, the Lord made them blind, just as Elisha had prayed.



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Video Resources

Use these videos to learn more about the weekly theme.

God is with us no matter what fearful time we are going through. We can't do it on our own. Fears tend to grow, sometimes out of control. The more you are afraid, the less you live the life that God has for you. Being afraid is like being in a prison, but God has set us free.

As His children, we can trust Him because He is a good Dad. If we trust God more than we fear the world, we show Him honor and love.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped."

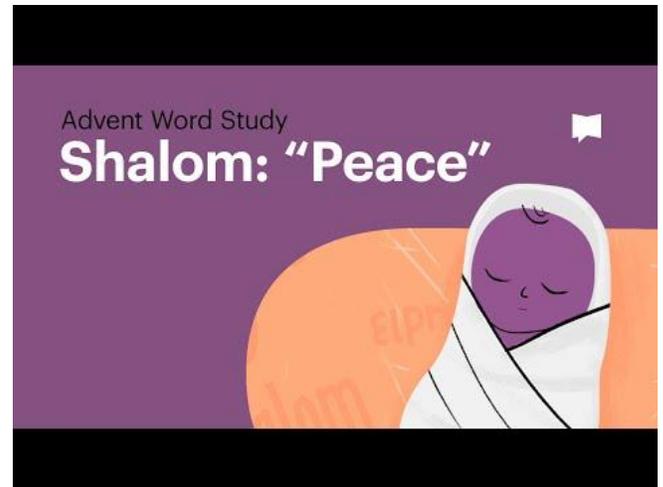
– Psalm 28:7a

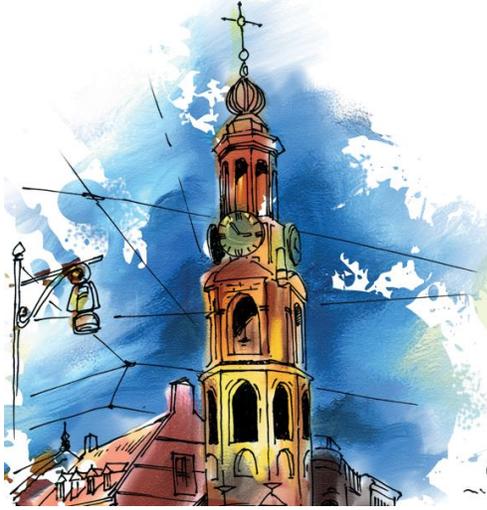
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Elementary



Middle and High School





Prayer

Father God,

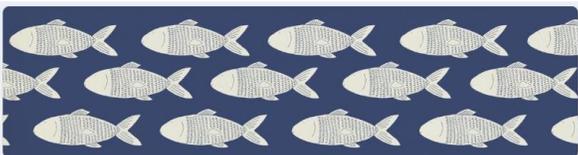
You are the ultimate Healer. We come before You to pray for those infected with the coronavirus. We pray for not only their healing, but for them to be comforted while they heal.

Heal them inside and out and provide them with the medical care they need, with the medications they need, and with the healing not only physically but spiritually so that they may live life and life abundantly.

We pray Your perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with fear of this virus. Rain down the serenity that comes only from the Prince of Peace. Help those who are living in unease to trust You in this time so that in times to come we may rest assured that You will be faithful to be with us until the end of age. Amen

Questions?

Submit questions using the form below



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