

Unexpected – Fear & Doubt 3.24.2019

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Memory Verse: Philippians 4: 6

“⁶ Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”

Focal Passages: Matthew 14:22-33

Today, Pastor Steve reminded us about the time when Peter was overcome by fear and doubt. The wind and the waves around him caused him to take his eyes off of Jesus, and lose focus.

- What causes you to lose focus and allow fear and doubt to come into your life?

At first, when the disciples saw Jesus walking on water they put their trust in their feelings instead of having Faith in Jesus.

- Discuss the dangers of trusting our “feelings” when it comes to taking a step of “Faith”.

Fear & Doubt are always associated with stepping out in Faith. What are some fears and doubts that you have experienced when you were/are called to step out in Faith?

In verse 27 Jesus said to the disciples “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” He is with us today and always.

- Share of a time when you stepped out in Faith?
- How did you know God was leading you?

Verse 31 says “Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him”. Jesus was ready to catch Peter when he fell. He is with us and ready for us with His arms open wide. We should look for Jesus and keep looking to Jesus.

- How do you look for Jesus?
- How do you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus?

Answering the call God has on your life does not mean it will be without problems. Everyone will face problems in life. John 16:33 says, “³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” You should pray and seek God’s help when you have problems. You must not doubt in God’s ability to help you solve your problem. The Bible gives us the tools and reminders we need to remember to seek God and Trust in Him. Here are a few verses to study and remember during these times:

- Philippians 4: 6-7
- 1 Peter 5: 7
- Ephesians 6:18
- Romans 14:23
- James 1: 6-8

After praying, Control any negative attitude that says your problem will not be resolved. You must “keep on” thanking God in all circumstances until your problem is solved.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 “¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus”
- Ephesians 5:20 “²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”