SERMON NOTES

Fighting Fear Part 6 | Trent Thompson

Remember that fear is the enemy of God glorifying faith so we must learn to take up the weapons God offers us to fight against it.

We can fight fear by:

- 1. Knowing and believing God's promises (John 14:1-3)
- 2. Looking for Jesus' return (Philippians 4:5)

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon and the Scripture texts?
- 2. Have you ever found yourself taking up weapons to fight fear which don't actually work? If so, what are they and why did you choose them?
- 3. If you're familiar with the Bible, what promise from it have you found to be helpful in fighting fear? How do you go about utilizing it when you're afraid? If you're unfamiliar with the Bible does it resonate with you that God's promises in Christ help us fight fear? Why or why not?
- 4. Does this idea make sense to you: Faith doesn't just give us a picture of the future when God's promises to us are fulfilled, it enables us to live in a real experience of the fulfillment of those promises now, while still waiting for their ultimate fulfillment. Why or why not? Why is this an important thing to understand about faith?
- 5. Using John 14:1-3, discuss how this promise from Jesus expresses care, power, and a plan.
- 6. Which of the three realities stated about Jesus' return is most helpful to you in fighting fear now? Can you think of others beyond these three?

Challenge Verse

Each week we want to challenge you to memorize 1 verse from our teaching passage. This week's verse is: *John 14:1 - 3*

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.