



GOOD NEWS FOR THE FEARFUL

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As we continue in this new series, we are looking at the Christmas story and applying it to our daily lives. We are all struggling with something. And we all need some good news. This week we look at FEAR. We all have fear. But if we invite Jesus into our fears, His perfect love will drive them out.

BIG IDEA: Invite Jesus into your fears, and His perfect love will drive them out.

READ Luke 1:30, Matthew 1:20 and Luke 2:9-10 - What were each of them afraid of? What encouragement did each of them receive?

READ 1 John 4:18 - What would you say is *God's perfect love*? Why is fear associated with punishment?

INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR FEARS

1. He will **CATCH** you.
 - **READ Matthew 14:22-33** - Peter was not testing Jesus, but instead, taking a step of faith. What made Peter begin to sink? What did Jesus do? What kind of reaction do you think you would have if you were in the boat with the disciples? Discuss.
2. He will **COMFORT** you.
 - **READ Psalm 23:1-4** - How many *comfort* statements can you find in this passage? How can you apply these statements to your fears?
3. He will **CALM** you.
 - **READ Mark 4:38-40** - What were the disciples afraid of? Why?
 - The disciples had witnessed so many miracles by this time, why do you think they were still afraid?
4. He will give you **CONFIDENCE**.

- **READ Psalm 27:1, 3 & 13-14** - How do these passages give you confidence? Discuss.
5. He will **COME** for you.
- **READ Revelation 3:20** - Jesus came to this earth for YOU! He is standing at the door of your heart waiting for you. Will you open the door?

Are you ready to invite Jesus into your fears? Visit <http://www.cpcdanville.org/yes/> or text ISAIDYES to 55444 so we can help you take the next step.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is your greatest fear right now?
2. What are some ways Jesus catches you when you are “sinking,” and drives out your fears?
3. Share an experience that built your confidence in Jesus’ power to drive out your fears.

COMMIT TO MEMORY–*“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment...”*

1 John 4:18