

**Do Not be Afraid**

The challenges we face in life can make us afraid. We must not allow our fear to develop into spiritual cowardice (Revelation 21:8). From assembling faithfully with the saints, to confronting a brother or sister in sin, to



trying to share the gospel with those in the world, God has challenged us with some mighty daunting responsibilities. Israel of old were challenged to face great nations filled with powerful giants in taking possession of the promised land. God knew they might be afraid. And so, He iterated and reiterated the command, “Be strong and of good courage” (Joshua 1:6), “Only be strong and very courageous” (Joshua 1:7), and “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good

courage” (Joshua 1:9). And then He said, “Do not be afraid” (vs. 9). What was to be the source of all this strength and courage? God told them at the outset in verse 5, “I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.” God also commands us to be strong and courageous (Ephesians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 16:13). And we have the same promise of His presence in our lives as we face our spiritual challenges. “...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). -

**Memory Verse**

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”

—Ephesians 6:10

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson  
Reading: TBA
- Song Leader.....Eli Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey

**SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.... Kenny Johnson
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord’s Table: Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer: Kenny Todd

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader...Eli Todd
- Invitation: Kenny Todd

**God’s Plan of Salvation**

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear the Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**

We would welcome a visit from you. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

Capable Bible teachers would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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## Quotes To Ponder

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### Fear Not

MANY THINGS MAKE us afraid. We often think our fear is unique to us. No one gets as scared as I do. Everyone handles fear better than me. John said perfect love casts out fear, but the fear must come before it is cast out. And it does come. But, remembering our love for God and the promises He makes and keeps helps us conquer that fear before it damages us spiritually. Great men of faith have been strengthened by God during times of fear.

Daniel confessed to being overwhelmed with fear. But God was there for Him. "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" Daniel responded with, "I was strengthened" (Daniel 10:16-19).

Paul faced death threats all the time. Attempts were made on his life. Even that great soldier of the cross became fearful. Once, when he feared for his safety, the Lord told him, "Do not be afraid...for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you" (Acts 18:9-10). God knew Paul needed assurance of His presence. And God assured him.

Even Jesus experienced fear at the prospect of the cross. He said to his disciples, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." Then He said to the Father, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me..." (Matthew 26:38-39). A marvelous thing happened. "An angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him" (Luke 22:43). God has ways to strengthen us too. And He will.

God knows His children face fear. He has always known. And He has always been there for them. He's there for you too. "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10). –

–Michael Pickford

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"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."  
-1 Corinthians 16:13

"Courage cannot exist without fear"

"Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you"

"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."  
-John Wayne

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."  
-Ephesians 6:10

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### Places

The places things occur often become special to people.  
Match the event with the place it occurred

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| 1. Ruth's new home (Ruth 1:16-19)                 | a. Athens    |
| 2. Ten Commandments given (Exo. 19:18, 20)        | b. Antioch   |
| 3. Solomon's Temple (2 Chron. 3:1)                | c. Bethlehem |
| 4. Man called for help (Acts 16:9)                | d. Damascus  |
| 5. Disciples first called Christians (Acts 11:26) | Road         |
|   | e. Egypt     |
| 6. John's exile (Revelation 1:9)                  | f. Jerusalem |
| 7. Saul struck blind (Acts 9:1-3, 9)              | g. Macedonia |
| 8. Gabriel sent to Mary (Luke 1:26)               | h. Nazareth  |
| 9. Israelite's Captivity (Joshua 24:6)            | i. Philistia |
| 10. Alter to the unknown god (Acts 17:22-23)      | j. Sinai     |
| 11. Home of Goliath (1 Samuel 21:9)               | k. Patmos    |