

Good Morning!

**Welcome to Meadowlark
Church of Christ!**

**Visitors please fill out
an attendance card ... thank you!**

What are YOU afraid of right now?

Economic Collapse

Terminal Illness (self or family)

Terror attack or war

Never measuring up

Making the wrong decision

Rejection

Judgment Day

Failure

More importantly, WHY are you afraid?

FEAR in the Bible:

- *There is good fear and there is bad fear.*
- *At least 253 times in Scripture!*
- *21 of Christ's commands have to do with fear or courage.*
- *Fear-filled people can not love deeply .. Love is risky.*
- *2 Timothy 1:7 "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and discipline."*

Matthew 8:23-27

And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep. And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, "Save us Lord; we are perishing!" And He said to them, "Why are you timid (afraid), you men of little faith?" Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and it became perfectly calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Points from this Scripture:

1. ***LIFE IS FULL OF STORMS!***
2. ***WE CAN BE FEAR-FILLED .. OR WE CAN BE FAITH-FILLED.***

Jesus on Fear:

- *Do not fear. You are of more value than many sparrows (Matthew 10:31).*
- *..and Jesus seeing their faith said .. Take courage my son, your sins are forgiven (Matthew 9:2).*
- *..do not be anxious (worried) about your life,.. (Matthew 6:25).*
- *Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she shall be made well. (Luke 8:50)*
- *Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid (Matthew 14:27)*
- *..do not fear those who kill the body, ..but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)*

Jesus on Fear:

- *..Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful (John 14:27)*
- *Why are you troubled and why do doubts arise in your hearts? (Luke 24:38)*
- *And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened.. (Matthew 24:6)*
- *And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." (Matthew 17:7)*

Fear will always come knocking on our door, but you don't have to let it come in for dinner; and for heaven's sake don't offer it a bed for the night!

--Max Lucado

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3. ***GOD CAN CALM THE STORM .. OR, CALM MY HEART SO THAT I CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE STORM.***

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?