

All Things New ~ September 23, 2015
Fears

We all have fears. Fears, however, show that we don't trust that Jesus is in control. When fears comes up, We are never where we are supposed to be. Fears will always cost us something and we will never gain anything.

Fears make us paranoid and possessive. We cling onto the thing we are fearful about losing. Everything on this side of heaven could be gone tomorrow, but we try to deny that fact. We live our lives with attitude that nothing bad is going to happen to us.

We can also become passive towards our fears. Instead of facing what we are fearful of, we avoid conversations that pertain to it. It is what it is and we live life avoiding these fears, and then withdraw when it becomes to overbearing.

How does God view fear?

John 20:19-22

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,[a] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

The disciples are paranoid. They have the doors locked so that no one can come in. They are terrified that the Jews that killed Jesus would come looking for His disciples next. They had lost sight of who Jesus is. The Absence of belief that Jesus is in control is the reason for fear.

Fear will end up making decisions on our behalf and define who we are. The fear of being alone will lead to meaningless and premature relationships just because you're scare you will be alone. Fears will also chose the safe route instead of what Jesus called us to for the fear of how it might work out. If we believe Jesus is sovereign, then we have to believe he is in control.

Jesus walked into the room. Peace.

The Answer for fear is Peace.
Jesus gives Peace.

It doesn't mean that everything will be fixed tomorrow. You won't get what you want tomorrow or possibly ever, but it means you'll have peace because of Jesus.

We very quickly forget that God is in control. Fear freezes faith. Fears skew our view of what there is to come.

The access to peace is through Jesus. He is the answer, the doctor, and the prescription. Jesus shows up and brings peace. There are 2 different types of peace.

Peace with God. Peace with God is having peace over the fear of what is to come.

Peace with God is the critical 1st step. Trusting in him for the future.

Peace of God. Peace of God is having peace of whats going on. Having victory over loneliness and depression because God is here.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Get specific in prayer. Let it be known to God. "Lord, help me where I am failing!"

The Action of Peace.

You have peace so you can go show peace to others. Go! Every time he gives us something, it is for someone else too. The peace doesn't belong to us, He gives it so we can share it. He works all things together for our good, For His Name.

When we surrender, we don't do the negotiations. We surrender it all to him, so why should we be scared if he takes it away? It's already His.