

“A Scared World needs a Fearless Church” - A.W. Tozer

1. Define Your Focus

Proverbs 4:25-26 (NIV) Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. 26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways

2 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us...

Psalms 16:8 (NLT) I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

Psalms 77:11 (NLT) But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. 12 They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works. 13 O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? 14 You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. 15 By your strong arm, you redeemed your people...

2. Limit Your Intake of News

Psalms 112:6-7 (NIV) Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. 7 They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

We live in a broken world!

3. See Fear & Anxiety as Your Enemy

Fear causes us to step down!

1 Samuel 12:16 (ESV) Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes.

Faith is not the absence of reality but to recognize our reality with God!

May we finish our phrases with: But God!

Proverbs 18:11(NLT) The rich think of their wealth as a strong defence ; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety.

4. Stay connected!

*A Zambian Proverb Reads: When you run alone - you run fast!
When you run together - you run far!*

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Community is God's answer to despair!

II. Why should we be a fearless Church?

1. It's our Call & Mandate
2. This World is in need of the Prince of Peace!

Homework

1. What fear(s) are you facing right now? What steps can you take to begin to convert your fear to faith?
2. In difficult times, we are called to help each other by giving hope and providing support. What is one way you can offer practical help to someone else this week?
3. We encourage you to stay "socially connected." How do you plan to keep "gathering together" with your church community during this time?
4. What are you feeding your spirit? Can you make any adjustments to strengthen your spirit and feed it well?
5. In listening prayer ask God to show you what He wants to do in you in these times?