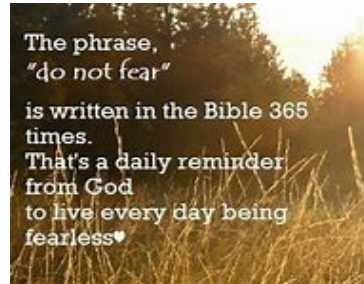




Lewiston Church of Christ

April 19, 2020



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTER

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Fellowship – Joe Bieren

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Outreach – Mark Whittaker

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Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee' Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

A Bigger Perspective

"The sluggard says, 'There is a lion outside; I will be killed in the streets!'" (Proverbs 22:13)

Fear is debilitating. Christians live in the same risky world as everyone else and we feel fear in equal measure. But we have a bigger perspective that keeps us on mission even when the fog of fear gets thick.

Soren Kierkegaard nailed it when he wrote, "Courage is fear that sees a bigger perspective." A larger vantage point kept Daniel praying in his window despite the danger of a lions' den. It kept Esther on a mission that put her in harm's way. It kept Jesus on the road to Jerusalem where He would face crucifixion for you and me.

When Winston Churchill led England in resistance to the Nazi threat, he knew countless lives would be lost. But he believed freedom was worth the sacrifices ahead. General Dwight Eisenhower knew the loss of life would be huge on D-Day, but he gave the order anyway hoping to be able to say, mission accomplished!

When our military puts themselves in harm's way, they do so with a mission, a plan, and leadership to carry it out. How about us? There may actually be lions outside, but staying inside in a timeless self-induced coma is not sustainable. Our mission may call for patience but it is incompatible with a moral coma. Fear may be warranted but it is not the bottom line, at least not for Christians.

Jesus' great commission to "go into all the world and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) gave the apostles a perspective bigger than personal safety. Had they narrowed their perspective down to the dangers ahead and stayed home, Jesus' church would not have taken root. And their courage cost them dearly.

Let's face it--courage cannot compete with fear until it sees a bigger perspective. Even then, it needs wisdom. Courage alone does not offer a rubber-stamped solution that fits all sizes. People in different circumstances facing different risks should apply it differently. But when God enters the picture, safety is no longer the bottom line. God is. This may not call for civil disobedience or reckless behavior but it does call us to something far more dangerous; namely to expand our perspective beyond fear.

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