

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
Sermon Series: "Living Hope."  
"Hope and Fear."  
(Easter)

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**Faith Meets Fear**

"Our greatest fears reveal what we value the most; our greatest fears reveal where we trust God the least."

***A Faith that Overwhelms Fear is Rooted in...***

**God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 10.26-27 "So have **no fear** of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.*

φοβέομαι (*phobeomai*): "To be in fear"

Fear is often fueled by the lies we believe...

**False**

**Evidence**

**Appearing**

**Real**

*1 Peter 5.6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 10.28-31 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

*Psalms 34.1-4 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.*

(Answers: Truth. Faithfulness.)

## Faith Meets Fear...

*Exodus 14:13 "Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.'"*

*Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

*Psalms 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?"*

*Psalms 34:4 "I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears."*

*Psalms 111:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!"*

*Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

*Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'"*

*John 16:33 "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

*Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."*

*Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

*1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."*

*2 Timothy 1:7 "...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

*Hebrews 13:6 "So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'"*

*1 John 4:4 "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."*