



THY KINGDOM COME

“Do Not Be Afraid”

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1 John 4:17-18 - This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Psalm 34:4 – I sought the Lord and he answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

Romans 8:38-39 - For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Fear of abandonment & rejection.

- a. Rejection says a lot more about the person doing the rejecting than it does about the person being rejected. How do we know?
 - i. Jesus was rejected, and He's perfect. He's everything.
 - b. You have been redeemed.
 - i. You are no longer in your sins.
 - ii. You are no longer a slave to sin.
 1. Romans 8:15
 2. Romans 6:14
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2. Fear of being alone.

- a. You are not alone.
 - b. God is with you
 - i. Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”
 - c. Hebrews 12:1 – you are surrounded.
 - d. Ephesians 2:19-22 - You are surrounded by a family of believers.
 - i. Everyone is needed and significant.
 1. Acts 17 – God has placed you
 - a. Your place is important to the kingdom
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3. Fear of Death:

- a. You are not subject to wrath; God loves you



- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 - But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.**
 - c. When faced with fear, what are you putting your faith in?**
 - i. Your ability to trust God perfectly? Or His love?**
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4. Fear of failure, humiliation, shame:

- a. You have won. You cannot fail.**
 - i. Your shame has been disintegrated.**
 - 1. Isaiah 61:7 - Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so, you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.**
 - b. You don't need to defend your victory.**
 - i. Christ won it, you receive and enjoy it.**
 - ii. Astros won the world series**
 - 1. 900 members of the organization received rings as a sign of victory.**
 - 2. Only 25 players actually touched the field to do the work.**
 - c. Romans 8:37 - ...more than conquerors**
 - d. 1 John 5:4 - for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.**
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