

Good News From Chardon

Do Not Fear

By Mark Moseley

Fear paralyzes. Fear of failure. Fear of retribution. Fear of persecution. Fear of being ostracized. Fear of being ridiculed. Fear of negative consequences. Fear of embarrassment. Fear of losing friendships. Fear of losing status. Fear of losing possessions. Perhaps even fear of losing our lives.

We stand amazed at the courage of the apostles. They stood before rulers and kings with unflinching determination. “We cannot stop speaking what we’ve seen and heard” was their mantra and “Jesus is the risen Lord” their battle cry.

Theirs truly is a remarkable transformation. Reading the gospel narratives hardly gives us confidence that these men can be trusted to turn the world upside down. One would hardly describe these men as “courageous.”

But something happened to the cowardly little group who fled the Garden of Gethsemane. They saw a risen Lord! They watched Him ascend into heaven to be seated at the right hand of God. But that was only part of the reason for their courage. They had something more. They had a promise, “And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” They had the promise they were not and never would be alone.

Sometimes we worry because we know there is fear in our hearts. We cannot deny it. The apprehension is there. And because it is there, we wonder if we will be able to hold fast in the face of the enemy. We worry that we will shrink back in midst of battle. Sometimes we become discouraged because we have not quenched every self-doubt. We think our faith has failed. Not so!

Ideally, we will stand brave and tall without any doubt or fear. That’s where we are heading. But until that day, all we need is just a little more courage than fear. Just a little more faith than doubt. Just a little more strength than weakness.

So what if we step forward with trembling legs into battle - as long as we stepped forward! So what if we struggled mightily with temptation before we overcame - as long as we overcame! So what if our voice was a little timid when we spoke out - as long as we spoke out!

Ah, friend, let us ever be reminded that we too have the promise! If we are hesitating, if we are weakening, if we are fearful, stop and become aware of His Presence. The Lord is near. Listen for His voice, “I am with you always.” So, do not fear - forge ahead!

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Courage To Care

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

103—A Beautiful Life

Opening Prayer: Ray

Hymn:

668—Our God, He is Alive

Scripture Reading: Mark

1 Peter 3:13-22

Hymn:

297—When My Faith Grows Weak

Lord’s Supper: Larry

Hymn:

14—Higher Ground

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

607—All Things Are Ready

Closing Hymn:

655—God Be With You

Closing Prayer: Ryan

PRAYER LIST

- *Larry, a friend of Dale’s, is hospitalized and needs prayers.
- *Bonnie and her family .
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family.
- *Kathy, her sister and friends.
- *Zarna’s family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their family. Ron’s cousin passed away lat week.
- *Juanita’s sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara and their children. Congratulations to Robert on his new job position.
- *Ray and Barbara and their family.
- *Dale and his family. Dale’s cousin Joshua who has heart problems and also Dale’s 4 year-old cousin who has COVID.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family.



CALENDAR

- Aug. 6—Business Meeting
7 pm on Zoom
- Aug. 6—Ladies Brunch at Betty’s home.
- Aug. 8—Worship 11 am.
Speaker: Tom
- Aug. 8—Bible Study 6pm
on-line with Dale
- Aug. 9—(a.) Ray & Rebecca
- Aug. 14—(a.) Robert & Sara
- Aug. 15—Worship 11 am.
Speaker: Tom

Answer to Puzzle And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

Suffering for Right and Wrong

I Peter 3:13-22

Afraid	Alive	always	ashamed
Being	better	blessed	bring
Christ	Conduct	Conscience	Death
Defame	Defense	doing	everyone
Evildoers	flesh	having	hearts
Meekness	might	ready	reason
Revile	righteousness	sanctify	should
Spirit	Suffer	those	threats
Troubled	unjust		

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Hidden Message: _____

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Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow.”

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
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