

Facing Fear with Faith

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.

Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon that leads us into the reading for the week and shows us the Gospel thread throughout the story. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

This week we began Numbers and moved into the historical account of the 2nd year in the Wilderness for Israel. After leaving the Wilderness of Sinai on the 20th day of the 2nd month of the 2nd year after they left Egypt they moved to the Wilderness of Paran. After seeing God do amazing things the people began to complain against God and Moses. They complained about hardships and food shortages. In response, God provided quail for the people but once they began to eat God struck them with a plague. Aaron and Miriam, a prophetess and Aaron's sister, also rebelled against Moses. On the edge of the Promised Land, turmoil had risen in the camp.

Numbers 13 begins with God commanding Moses to send men to scout the land of Canaan. Moses asked the men to examine the land. He asked, are the people strong or weak? Is the land good or bad? Are the cities encampments or fortifications? Is the land fertile or unproductive? Are there trees or not? Finally, he asked them to bring back some fruit of the land. They spent 40 days scouting out the land going from the southern to the northern boarder and back. For a full year, the people of God had seen the hand of God working mightily among them. Would the spies return and lead them into the Promised Land? Or would their fear overcome their faith?

The spies brought back a large cluster of grapes carried on a pole by two men, pomegranates, and figs. It appeared all went well and it looked like the people were about to go into the Promised Land. However, being less than a day's journey from the entrance of the Promised Land the people cowered in fear. At the report of the spies, the people chose to rebel against God and refused to go into the Promised Land.

This message focused on the characteristics of two different types of people; those who's faith turns to fear and those who face their fears with faith. We know that all of the biblical story points us to the future fulfillment in Christ and we see how the story of Israel demonstrates the pervasiveness of sin in their lives and in our lives as well. Many struggle today with being overcome by fear when faced with obeying Jesus. As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week ask yourself if you cower down to your fears or do you face your fears with faith? Also, in light of the prayer requests that were placed before the congregation at the beginning of the year, examine where you fit into those requests. How will you face your fears with faith?

Message Outline

Those who's Faith turns to Fear...

1. Don't believe God's Promises.
2. Undermine the faith of others.
3. Blame Others.
4. Forget God's work.
5. Attempt Great things w/o God.
6. Concerned with their comfort.
7. Suffer the consequences of judgment.

Those who Face Fear with Faith...

1. Believe God's Promises.
2. Encourage the faith of others.
3. Intercede for others.
4. Remember God's work.
5. Attempt Great things because of God.
6. Concerned with God's Glory.
7. Enjoy God's blessings.

Will you live in Fear or Faith?

- By obeying God's Word.
- By loving your neighbors.
- By going to the nations.

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Numbers 13-14:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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• Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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• Global:

- Pray for workers as they prepare for the mission field.
- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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