



Week 3: Do not be afraid!
Sunday, December 18th, 2022

† God with us!
Matthew 1:23

† **Then:** *Don't be afraid!*

- The story of the Zechariah
Luke 1:8-13

Zechariah was terrified by God's PRESENCE

- The story of Mary
Luke 1:26-33

Mary was frightened about what God was going to DO

- The story of Joseph
Matthew 1:18-21

Joseph was afraid of God's CONDEMNATION

- The story of the shepherds
Luke 2:8-11

The shepherds were terrified by God's GLORY

† **Now:** *Don't be afraid!*

- **In Christ:** We no longer fear the presence of God, for we now live in the presence of God!
John 14:15-20

- **In Christ:** We have no fear of God's actions, because God's heart, presence, and purpose to us is always from His love.
2 Peter 1:2-4, Romans 8:31-35

- **In Christ:** We are set free from the fear of condemnation...

Of God

Romans 4:7-8, Romans 5:9-11, Romans 8:1-2

Of other people

Colossians 3:12, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 3:1

- **In Christ:** We are set free from fear because we have seen the Glory of God in Christ.
John 1:14

† **Reality!** In the midst of so much that could bring fear, God's invites us to know and experience His Peace.
Psalm 27:1, Psalm 118:5-6, Psalm 56:1-4, Psalm 3:5-6, Psalm 46:1-3, Isaiah 41:10

† In the midst of the storm, our peace is a PERSON.
Matthew 14:27

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