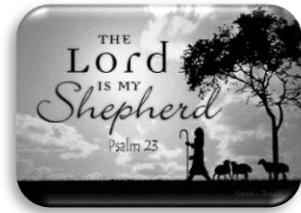




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**“FEAR or FAITH?”**  
***Grazing with the Shepherd***  
PSALM 23

***Sermon Notes***

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**LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES**  
**“FEAR or FAITH?”**  
*Grazing with the Shepherd*

**GETTING STARTED** *“In your opinion...”*

1. This week’s message focused on how the Great Shepherd can help us overcome our fears. What insights or observations did you find helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Have you ever wondered why some people fear certain things, and other people don’t fear those same things? What is the difference?
3. **“Fear is a choice”** - Agree or disagree? What causes people to choose fear? Do you think it possible to never have to choose fear? What does the command to **“Fear not!”** imply about fear being a choice?
4. Is God (the Great Shepherd) ever afraid? Why or why not? Do you think it possible for us to be on God’s side so much that we don’t have to fear? What keeps us from doing that?

**GOING DEEPER** *“According to the Bible...”*

*Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading.*

- **Read Psalm 34:4-7.** What does it mean to be **“delivered from all my fears”**? Could our circumstances remain the same and yet still be delivered from our fears?
- **Read 2 Kings 6:15-17.** What changed that alleviated the servant’s fears, the circumstance or his perspective?
- **Read Matthew 14:22-31.** What was there to fear in this situation? What gave Peter courage to step out of the boat? Why did fear return to Peter? Do you think we can still **“walk on water”** in our particular storms in life? How?
- **Read 1 Peter 5:7.** What does the Bible say to do with all our fears, anxieties, and even paranoias? Why? What might continued anxiety indicate?
- **Read Philippians 4:6, 7.** How can prayer, (saturating our mind with God’s presence), turn anxiety into peace?

**LIVING OUT**

- What gives you anxiety and fear? Has God promised to help you **“walk on water”** in the midst of those fears? How does **“Grazing with the Shepherd”** reduce our anxiety and fears?