

FEAR < LESS

MESSAGE NOTES

Overcoming the Sting of Death

Sunday, April 24 | Tommy Duke
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“Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.”
– Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
– 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

_____ IS A REALITY OF _____.

“... each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment...” – Hebrews 9:27 (NLT)

(Jesus) *“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”*
– John 14:1-3 (NLT)

TO FACE DEATH FEARLESSLY, I MUST...

• L _____ BE THE _____ OF MY LIFE.

“Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me ... Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.” – Psalm 23:4, 6 (NLT)

(Jesus) *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father...”* – John 10:11-15 (NLT)

• **O _____ MYSELF UP TO _____.**

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. ...A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4 (NLT)

(Jesus) “God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” – Matthew 5:4 (NLT)

• **V _____ FROM AN _____ PERSPECTIVE.**

(Jesus) “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16 (NLT)

“For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.” – 2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)

“For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.” – Philippians 1:21 (NLT)

• **E _____ JESUS’ _____ TO LIVE FULLY.**

Memory Verse:

(Jesus) “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” – John 14:27 (NLT)

“‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.” – 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize John 14:27.
- Let Jesus be the shepherd of my life, starting today.
- Ask God to help me assess my emotional health.
- Learn more about serving for Vacation Bible School – informational meeting next Sunday, May 1, after the morning service.

**Join us next Sunday, May 1, as we continue our teaching series
FEAR<LESS: Choosing Faith in Frightening Times.*

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