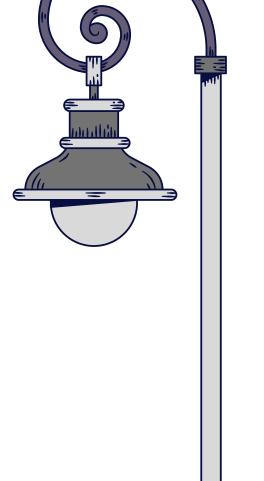
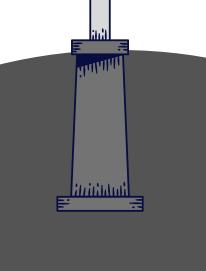
WBC REVIVAL MEETING '22

FEARLESS

MATTHEW 5:14-16

2 TIMOTHY 1:7





ABOUTTHE SPEAKER

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REMINDERS

- DO follow the Revival Meeting schedule
- DO bring a bible, pen, and notebook/handbook to messages, be attentive during messages
- DO attend small group sessions
- BE open to time with God
- BE intentional in your conversations, get to know others on a deeper level!

SERMON NOTES

Via https://livingtruth.ca/blogs/devotionals/god-will-fight-for-us

JULY 24 DEVOTION

"GOD WILL FIGHT FOR US"

2 Chronicles 17-18 John 13:1-20

"Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!" —Nehemiah 4:20

What do we do when the odds do not seem to be in our favour? Nehemiah was entrusted with the task of rebuilding the city's wall in Jerusalem, but before his job could be completed, he was surrounded with opposition. He was faced with Sanballat and the Samaritans from the north, Tobiah and the Ammonites from the east, Geshem and the Arabs from the south and the men from Ashdod from the west. This may seem to be an impossible scenario, but opposition ought not to take us by surprise. There is never any work for God that will not include hostility in one way or another.

To make matters worse, Nehemiah also had to deal with resistance from within his community. Nehemiah 4:10 reveals, "The people in Judah said, 'The strength of the labourers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." Sometimes, the hardest thing to deal with when we are in battle is when our own people get discouraged.

Although discouragement is a common thing that we all face, the Bible's answer to discouragement is, "Do not be discouraged." This is not a helpful thing to hear on its own because it may sound like, "Don't be discouraged. That's a bad thing to feel." But in actuality, "do not be discouraged" is meant to encourage us to take our focus from the issue and trust that God will be with us in the situation.

We find this truth echoed in Moses's final words to the Israelites when he said, "The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged" (Deuteronomy 31:8). The Israelites needed to get discouragement out of their mind and trust in God's leading that He would never leave nor forsake them.

Amidst the oppositions and discouragement, Nehemiah stood up and said to the nobles, officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes" (Nehemiah 4:14). Nehemiah tells the Israelites to "remember the Lord." Why? Because in the midst of their situation, the Lord was not at the forefront of their thinking. They tried to work it out on their own but forgot that they had a powerful God on their side. No matter what situation we may be experiencing, we can find encouragement because the Lord is fighting our battles.

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for Your promise that You will never leave me or forsake me. I do not have to fear or be discouraged because You are with me always. Amen!

REVIVAL MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Session #1: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

SATURDAY

Outdoor Games: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Session #2: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

SUNDAY

Session #3: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Workshops: 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Via https://livingtruth.ca/blogs/devotionals/fear-and-faith?_pos=5&_sid=4192db9b5&_ss=r

JULY 23 DEVOTION

"FEAR AND FAITH"

Ezekiel 11-13 James 1

"I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you." —Joshua 2:9

Thirty-eight years before Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land, he was selected as one of 12 spies to scout out the land. When they returned from their

40-day reconnaissance, they gave a glowing report of an incredibly fertile Canaan, but there was a problem. The land was filled with enemies, some of them giants, whose cities were well-fortified. Ten of the spies advised, "We can't attack these people; we're like grasshoppers to them!" Only Joshua and Caleb, the other two spies, believed that the God who delivered Israel out of Egypt would also deliver them into Canaan. Unfortunately, the rest of Israel bought into the fear of the 10 spies, and when they refused to attack, God sentenced the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for a total of 40 years.

Thirty-eight years later, Joshua, now leader of Israel, sent two spies of his own to scout out the land, but especially Jericho. When they arrived, they stayed in the house of a prostitute named Rahab. The king of Jericho came looking for them, but Rahab sent him on a wild goose chase. In return, the spies promised that when Israel conquered the city, she and her family would be spared.

During this conversation, Rahab explained why she was helping the spies. Like the rest of Jericho, she had heard how God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, how He had parted the Red Sea so they could pass through on dry ground and how He had recently given Israel victory over two kingdoms just across the Jordan River. "When we heard of it," Rahab said, "our hearts sank and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below" (Joshua 2:11).

For 40 years, the people of Jericho had been scared stiff wondering when this nomadic tribe with God on their side would arrive to conquer them, but ironically, it was also fear that kept Israel from attacking thirty-eight years earlier. This is what makes Joshua and Rahab's faith stand out. While the rest of their people were gripped by fear, both Joshua and Rahab believed that God would grant Israel victory.

Faith is not an absence of fear but a disposition of trust no matter our circumstances. We may be facing situations that seem too big to handle: a lost job, a painful break-up, a fatal illness, a child who has turned their back on God, but no situation is too big for Him. The God who delivered Israel from Egypt and us from sin remains true and trustworthy, able to bring us through even life's scariest and most painful moments.

Prayer: Sovereign Lord, there are many things in life that might make me afraid, but thank You for being with me the whole way as the source of my peace and victory.

SERMON NOTES

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