

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Ghosts, Drowning & Frosting *Matt. 14:22-34*

Halloween

Fear is not something we choose to celebrate

Common fears: Social Phobia, heights, Animals (Bugs, snakes & spiders), closed spaces, flying, dying, frosting...

We all have fears

Some are experienced daily

Others are only in certain situations

Fear can make us:

Act irrationally

Panic

Run

Fight

Anxious

Freeze

Hide

Involuntary actions

Disneyland

When fear takes control, it replaces Joy

So how do we Kill this fear?

Matt. 14:22-34

V22 – Jesus insisted that the Disciples GO

- He told them to cross the lake
- Everything that was about to happen was known by Him

V24 – The disciples were afraid

- They were in trouble
- They were fighting a storm in their boat

- Fear of sinking/drowning had to be on their mind

V25 – Jesus came *walking*

- He was calm despite physical circumstances
- He knew they would be safe with Him

V25 – On the Water

- V26 – This freaked the disciples out, who can walk on water
- It must be a ghost
- Grippled by fear about a storm and Jesus as a ghost

V27 – Don't be afraid

- First Jesus is walking calmly
- Next He tells them to not fear
- Have courage I am with you
- He is the replacement for fear

V28 – Peter is curious

- Out of all the guys Peter is the only one curious enough to speak up
- Peter could have waited for Jesus to climb in the boat
- He wants His fears killed

V29 – Jesus invites

- Jesus rewards the curiosity with an invite to step out
- Calls Peter to Him

V29 – Peter responds

- Peter takes the step and draws near to the Lord
- Peter is rewarded for his obedience

V30 – Peter losses focus which led to loss of courage

- Calls out to Jesus
- Rather than trying to get back on his own

- Seeks the Lord, the one who called him to step out

V31 – Jesus’ hand is immediately available

- Jesus didn’t walk away when help was needed
- Reminded Peter to not lose faith

V32- When Jesus is in the boat the storm is destroyed
The disciples learned that His presence alone kills fear

V33- Traded fear for worship

Jonah from last week

Jonah ran because of fear

He was afraid God would be true to who He is

What is the storm in your life that makes you afraid?

- The Things that are out of your control
- The things that surround you

What is the water you are afraid to step out onto?

- The things you can control and have a choice

Things like:

- Afraid of living a life that shows others your faults
- Afraid to share who God is with someone around you
- Afraid that you are not good enough for His love
- Afraid that you are making the wrong choice
- Afraid that He might call you to Nineveh
- Afraid to forgive
- Afraid to be healed
- Afraid to show or be loved...

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Action points to Kill fear

- Acknowledge your fears to the Lord
- Be curious and ask Him to call you out of fear
- Change your perspective and focus on Him rather than the storm
- Be confident that His hand and presence are with you
- Trade your worship of fears for worship of the Lord