

Title: **Fear Factor**  
Text: **Exodus 1:8-22**  
Date: **January 28, 2024**

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## Big Idea

We follow what we fear. The Christian is a journey of growing faith and fear in God—above and beyond our other fears.

Some of my fears:

### 1. Pharaoh's F\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-14)

Fear of the U\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)

Fear of L\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-10)

The R\_\_\_\_\_ of Pharaoh's Fears: F\_\_\_\_\_, Division, Cruelty—S\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9, 11, 13-14, 16, 22)

### 2. The Fear D\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15-22)

Fear P\_\_\_\_\_ or Fear G\_\_\_\_\_? (vv. 16, 17, 21)

We F\_\_\_\_\_ What We Fear (vv. 17, 21)  
(cf. Genesis 22:12, Exodus 14:31, 20:20, Joshua 1:9, Proverbs 1:7, Galatians 1:10, Matthew 10:28, Acts 5:5, 10)

### 3. God's F\_\_\_\_\_ in the Midst of Our F\_\_\_\_\_ & Faith (vv. 12-20)

(cf. Matthew 6:24-25, 33, 10:22; Luke 14:25-27, Genesis 12:1, 1 Kings 2:24)

#### Recommended Resources:

*The Joy of Fearing God* by Jerry Bridges

*When People Are Big & God is Small* by Edward T. Welch

*Living Without Worry: How to Replace Anxiety with Peace* by Timothy Lane



#### Reflection Questions

- What are some of your fears in life? How have your fears (or worries) affected you—and those around you? How do you typically deal with your fears?
- [Faith] In what areas of your life are you struggling to trust/follow God in? How might fear be a factor? How does remembering who Jesus is and what He has done encourage and strengthen your faith?
- [Community] Who can you encourage (or pray for) this week to remember God's faithfulness—and to not live in fear (anxiety) but in greater fear (faith) in Jesus?
- [Mission] Is there someone at work/school that has been living in fear? How can you encourage them with the Gospel message this week?

**Parent Corner:** What fears drive your child(ren)? How might this passage encourage or strengthen your child(ren) in their faith and trust in Jesus?

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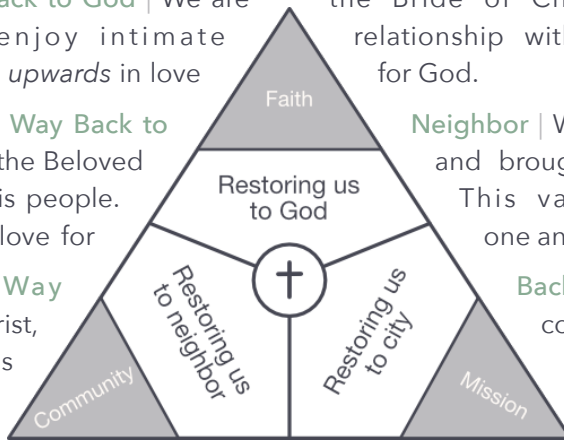
**FAITH:** The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate presses our church *upwards* in love

the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

**COMMUNITY:** The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

**Neighbor** | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

**MISSION:** The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the



**Back to City** | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.

## Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

## Announcement Spotlight

### Sunday Prayer Walk - Today!

We will be gathering after service today at 1:00pm to do a prayer walk in the local neighborhood! So grab lunch after the service, and consider joining us to pray for our neighboring community, as we hope to have the opportunity to share the gospel with those who are open and ready to engage. We'll have a brief time before the prayer walk to discuss what to pray for, so we invite anyone regardless of experience to join and learn.

**If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Chris Keener at [cmkeener2@gmail.com](mailto:cmkeener2@gmail.com).**

**All Church Hangout - Next Sunday!**

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