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#JesusStrong

Caring-Connecting-Communicating



Life can be Scary

It's October which happens to land during one of my most favorite times of year: Fall. I love to see the changing colors and be reminded that God has a perfect design with beginnings and endings in mind. Of course, many people think of October as the month to scare people. This is evidenced by scary movies trending on steaming services as well as retail outlets stocking their shelves with eerie costumes. Some find pleasure in the rush that is created by scaring someone else or being scared. I've hid in many places, and still do, to catch an unsuspecting person off guard all in good fun. But life can be very scary at times. Many argue that right now the mainstream media is doing its fair share of fear mongering to keep readers and viewers afraid. Life is especially scary when we are facing major medical decisions, illness, loss of jobs, and lack of support. We can even be scared when doing things we are supposed to do, like sharing our faith in Jesus with a non-believer. When life is scary, what should we do?

Trust Jesus' Words

Remember in Matthew chapter 8 when Jesus was sleeping on a boat during a wild storm? If you don't recall it, go read Matthew 8. There we see the disciples, many who are fishermen, so scared during a storm that they believe they are going to die. Now that IS scary. So, they woke Jesus up from his nap to show Him the dire situation. Jesus rebukes the storm with His voice and then turn to the disciples and asks why they were so afraid. The answer to them was obvious, they were going to drown in the sea during a storm. Notice in verse 26 of Matthew 8 that Jesus connects their fear with a lack of faith. Honestly, I would have been right there with them waking Jesus up in a panic. I believe that my faith in Jesus would have been dwarfed by the situation right in front of me: dying in a storm. Knowing those words have been preserved for us in God's Word should help do one thing better: trust Jesus' words.

Do not be Scared

The same Jesus that woke up from His nap on a boat and calmed a life-threatening storm with His voice is the same Jesus that we follow today. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus looked at the disciples and gave them these final words that apply to you and I today. Matthew 28:20b says, "And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." What does this have to do with not being afraid? These words echo what God said in Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." The disciples would have studied these words from Joshua and must have found Jesus' parting words empowering to hear! For sure, their lives reflected that of not fearing the mission that Jesus set them on spreading the Gospel for the redemption of the world. We have the same Spirit of Jesus living in us that empowered those disciples back then. So may we trust in His words to not be afraid no matter what the world throws at us!

Boldly unafraid,

Adam

Celebrations:

- ⇒ PRAISE GOD! We had not one, not two, but THREE baptisms on September 7th! Three students committed their life to the Lord through baptism and it was amazing. Not only was it great seeing these young ladies surrender their life to Christ, but it was great seeing the support from their families and our Church family.
- ⇒ One thing I'm noticing with the youth right now is they're asking a lot of really good questions. For most of the weeks since we've been back at the building, I've had students come and ask me about specific things going on in their lives and how to navigate it. And I love it. It's encouraging to see them wrestle through the questions they have, rather than disregard it. It's uplifting to know that they're comfortable being open and honest with the things they're struggling through, and to have that chance to encourage them. The Lord is moving amongst our youth! Let's keep praying that the Lord stirs their hearts and draws them closer to Him.
- ⇒ Also, I'm so proud of some of our students that are truly reaching their friends with the gospel. We have had a handful of new students that have been coming on Sunday's and Wednesdays, and it's all because our students are inviting their friends. Not only are they just inviting their friends to Church, but they're sharing Jesus with those around them. It's so cool to see students go into their circles of influence and boldly proclaim Jesus.

Upcoming Stuff:

- ⇒ It's October! So, you know what that means? Trunk or Treat is this month!
 On Friday, October 31st, we'll have lot's of cars, food, and candy. The theme this year is "Ocean Adventure."
 Whether your kids are passing out candy, helping make sure the trunks
 have candy, or just coming to hang out, be sure to come out and spread the love of Christ to our community!
- ⇒ With it being October, that means we'll have our third annual movie/pumpkin carving night! More info about the event will be given later. But we'll have food, carve pumpkins, and watch a movie together. All 6th-12th graders are invited, and the only thing they would need to bring is their own pumpkin. So be on the lookout for more info about the event!



October

10.2–10.4 Women's Retreat

10.12 Fall Harvest Offering

10.18 #JesusStrongWomen Home Arts

10am-1pm

10.18 Central Peninsula Worship presents

"Worship Night" 6pm

10.31 Trunk or Treat 5pm-6:30pm

The theme is "Ocean Adventure"

Services

Sunday

1st Worship Service 9:30am
What Is Available: In person only, Adult Bible
Studies, Nursery, 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s-Kinder,
1st-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade.

2nd Worship Service 11:00am Livestream, Nursery & 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, #JesusStrongChurch (Kinder-5th Grade)

Tuesday#JesusStrongWomen 10am-12pm

Wednesday

#JesusStrongKids <u>Grades 1st-5th</u>
6:30pm-7:30pm

#JesusStrongYouth <u>Grades 6th-12th</u>
6:30pm-8pm

#JesusStrongMen 7pm-8pm

#JesusStrongWomen 6:30pm-8pm

Thursday

#JesusStrongWomen 5:30pm-7:30pm

Online

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am Thursday Live Mid-Day Prayer: (Noon)



Praising God for the growth of His Kingdom! We joyfully celebrate the baptisms of:

Katie Van Sky – September 7th, 2025

Kaia Dale-Johnson – September 7th, 2025

Shay Gonzalez – September 7th, 2025

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