

WELLSPRING

W O R S H I P C E N T E R

Sermon Questions: Conquering Fear 6/25

1. Is fear is an important topic to discuss? Why?
2. Do you agree that the “fear of man” keeps us from experiencing the abundant life Jesus came to give?
What do you think about Edward Welch’s definition of fear of man: **“Fear in a Biblical sense, extends to holding someone in awe, being controlled or mastered by them or their opinions, “worshiping” others, putting your trust in people or needing them”?**
3. Have you ever felt “controlled” by what others think of you? How so?
4. How does the story of Peter walking on water illustrate an effective way to conquer fear?
5. Other important things we can primarily focus on in our lives include our health, ourselves, our appearance, others, and/or our work. Which of these things holds the potential to compete with God for “lordship” in your life? How so?
6. What seems to happen when we place things (even good things) above *God in our lives*?
7. In the second service, Violet stood up and was recognized for being part of the Body of Christ, but not the entire body of Christ all by herself. What’s the significance of each and every person in a church understanding that they have a significant role to play in the Body of Christ?
8. What are the implications of having FAULTY FOCUS in our lives? In our family? In our community? In our church?
9. What’s the difference in your mind between fear of worldly things and fear of God?
10. What does God want most from those who are far from Him? How are you communicating this to those who are far from God in your sphere of influence?
11. Jesus said the ultimate command is this: “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37) AND He also says, “those who accept my commands and obey them are the ones who love me.” (John 14:21) So, is our “obedience” important to God? Why?