



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Guest Speaker*

Scripture: *Genesis 25-35*

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Message: *The Second*

Greatest Need Experienced

by the Human Race

—[LET'S START]—

This weekend we experienced the guest teaching of Dr. Paul Borden. He taught us about the second greatest need experienced by the human race. When you think are the greatest needs that humanity faces today?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work. Pray for the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
2. Today we are going to be looking at the topic of fear. What are some of the pictures that come to your mind when you hear the word, "fear?"
3. Read 2 Timothy 1:7. What does this verse teach us fear? What does God offer us in place of fear? How have you seen played out in your life?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. What keeps us from casting our anxiety on God? Peter was a fisherman. How might he have viewed casting our anxieties on Christ?
5. Joshua 1:9 is one of the Old Testament's most famous passages on fear. Read it as a group. What is the context of this verse? What might have caused Joshua and the Children of Israel to experience fear in this situation? What was the solution to fear?
6. Read Isaiah 35:4, 41:10-13, 43:1 and 54:4. What do these verses teach us about God? What do they teach us about Israel? How might they relate to our lives as 21st Century followers of Jesus Christ?
7. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What promise are we given in these verses that should have an impact on our fear? Why do you suppose it is so difficult for us to believe God's promises in these verses?
8. How can we come alongside of each other as we deal with our fears?

—[LET'S ACT]—

Overcoming our fear is the second greatest need experienced by the human race. God is the ultimate source in overcoming our fears. But, He also created us for community. Let's pray for each other today. Let's pray that God would help us to see our fears from His perspective and that He would help us overcome those fears.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Is there real hope, not some pie in the sky hope, for the human race and more importantly for us as individuals, who are sometimes innocent victims of events that are beyond our control?
- The greatest need we face is death, which obviously impacts all human beings eventually. Followers of Jesus Christ believe that God met that need through the actions of Jesus Christ, who while being fully human was also fully God.
- All of us in many ways, almost every day find ourselves living and acting out of fear.
- We all have two major fears that produce varying levels of fear in our everyday existence. First we are afraid of dying.
- Secondly, we fear that we might live life alone and without being loved, accepted or recognized for what we can contribute. The fear of dying alone with no one caring drives all of us to want to be noticed in some way. All our fears come from these two fears.
- Almost all we do and who we are and how we act is governed by fear. And so the question for those who follow Jesus Christ is, is there hope. The answer is yes. However, the solution offered by Jesus Christ is easy to say but so very difficult to do.
- Our fears are ultimately a denial of who Jesus is and what our relationship with him means.
- You see often the way God teaches us to stop being afraid is to confront us with our biggest fears in order to get us to realize that with God nothing can be stopped if he wants it and nothing can happen to us if he does not want it to happen. It also convinces us if things do happen that bring pain, not only he is there to help with the pain, but in the end we will be better people and better children of his because we have experienced pain in this way.

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