
Date: November 12, 2017

Sermon Title: The Grace of Fear

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Hosea

- 1) What is it to fear the Lord?
 - 2) Compare and contrast what it looks like to fear the Lord and not to fear the Lord.
 - 3) What was Richard's response to the question, "Does fearing the Lord mean I am to be afraid of the Lord?" Read Mark 4:38-41. What was the disciples' response to Jesus? What did their response reveal about them? Is your response like the disciples' response?
 - 4) How is the reverent fear of the Lord good? Why should we not be afraid of the Lord?
 - 5) Discuss the reasons why it is a dangerous thing to not have a reverent fear of the Lord.
 - 6) Richard gave 3 ways the Israelites in Hosea had lost their fear of the Lord. (1) They put their hope in godless resources. (2) They rejected God's fatherly love. (3) They had closed their mind to truth.**What resources are you trusting in? In what ways are these resources leading you toward or away from the Lord? In what ways have you rejected God's love? How does it affect your relationship with Him and with others? In Hosea 8:12, God's Word sounded strange to the Israelites. What brought them to this point and how can you protect yourself from going down this path?
 - 7) Is there any hope? Read and discuss Hosea 6:1-2, 13-14 and 1 Corinthians 15:52, 54-55, 57. What are His promises and what hope do these bring?
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Group Prayer Time:

Have 1 – 2 people in your group pray through each part of the A.C.T.S. prayer acronym.

1. **Adoration** – How is God's character reflected in this week's passage? Let that revelation lead you to worship and adore God.
2. **Confess** – The Word of God exposes and uncovers sin. Respond to that conviction by agreeing with what God has said about your sin.
3. **Thanksgiving** – Where do you see God working? Thank God for his faithfulness in your life and the lives of others.

4. **Supplication** – God’s Word helps us understand his purposes and plans. Ask God to give you the desires of his heart as you pray for your needs and the needs of others.

Pray for Missions:

This week in your group prayer time, have someone pray for this missions’ effort. Different missions will be highlighted every week.

International Missions – Pray for Kaitlin Ebeling and Wonderfully Made. Kaitlin is the founder and CEO of Wonderfully Made Apparel. Wonderfully Made aims to produce and sell items that are 100% ethical. In the design, sourcing and manufacturing of their products, they seek to maximize benefits to each person and community involved. They are committed to providing their employees with safe working conditions and living wages, opportunities for advancement and education. They seek to create cycles and systems that give the power back to the people creating the clothing, rather than making them dependent on us. Put simply, Wonderfully Made values people -- from the farmers to the sewers and everyone in between -- as far more important than the products they sell. Kaitlin is currently in the process of moving overseas, where she plans to officially establish Wonderfully Made's first production facility and begin working with women full time. She is still finalizing the location. For more information about Wonderfully Made or to purchase some of their ethically made, eco-friendly, and affordable wallets, handbags, or totes, check out the website at <https://www.wonderfullymadeonline.com>.