

Living with Fear

Several years ago, a televised circus act with Bengal tigers was broadcast live. The tiger trainer went into the cage with several tigers to do a routine performance. The door was locked behind him. The spotlights highlighted the cage, the television cameras moved in close, and the audience watched in suspense as the trainer put the tigers through their act. However, in the middle of the performance, the lights went out! For 20 or 30 seconds the trainer was locked in a dark cage with Bengal tigers, a whip and a chair. The tigers could see the trainer, but he could not see them! After the event was over, in an interview, the trainer was asked how he felt about his situation in the cage. He first admitted to the chilling fear of the situation, but he pointed out that the tigers did not know that he could not see them. He said, "I just kept cracking my whip and talking to them until the lights came on. They never knew I could not see them as well as they could see me." (Resist the devil and he will flee. James 4:7)

This story says something about many fears. Face them and go on doing the best you can. As a child you may have had a fear of the dark. As an adult you may fear failure or rejection, the future, some potential health crisis, or of your death or the death of a loved one. The Bible has the answer for our fears. John wrote: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear. . . ." (1 John 4:18). Christ's love is the perfect defense against the physical and mental effects of fear. Paul said it this way; "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). The phrase "fear not" is found at least 365 times in various forms throughout the Bible. The Hebrews writer says, "that we may confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. . . .'"



Sunday
February 21st, 2021

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Today's Order of Service:

- Praise and Song
- Prayer
- Message

Today's Scriptures:

- Hebrew 11:23-26
- Genesis 11:31
- Genesis 12:1-4, 15:7
- 2 Peter 3:13
- Revelations 21:1-3

Tithes & Offerings:

Please place your financial support for the church in the Offering box located at the rear of the sanctuary. We do not take up an offering during service

River of Life Church Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Online Teen Group – Online Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- Prayer Gathering – Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 at the church.
- Mid-week online group – Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30 pm
- Good Friday Community Service – Friday, April 2nd, at Noon. Location to be announced.
- Resurrection Day (Easter) – Sunday, April 4th

Teen's Online Group will be Monday at 6:30 pm

- Did God create the world and if so, why?

Tuesday Prayer at the Church

- 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm at the church
- We will meet in the basement of the church and spread out, so we have plenty of room and masks are optional

February Birthdays

- Tara Mohelski – February 1st
- Lynn Kern – February 18th
- Brad Graber – February 19th

(Have we missed a birthday? Let the pastor know, and we will get it posted)

Wednesday Bible Group - Online

- 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- We will be using Acts Chapter 22 as the basis for discussion and study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7259205488>

Meeting ID: 725 920 5488

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Overview of “Not of this world, but foreigner’s”

- We have a perspective not of this world. We, like Moses, endure because we see the unseen (Hebrews 11:27). Like faithful Abraham, the Christian lives "as in a foreign land ... looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:9-10). Like Jesus, we can be shown "all the kingdoms of the world and their glory," and, like Jesus, we can refuse it all (Matthew 4:8-11).
- We have treasures not of this world. We seek "a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys" (Luke 12:33). Our riches are not material but eternal, "kept in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4). The world wants it all now; we can wait for it.
- We have a home not of this world. "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). Those who have lived and died in faith "acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth" (Hebrews 11:13). This world was not their home, nor ours. We look forward to the Father's house, where there are "many rooms" (John 14:2). "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come" (Hebrews 13:14).
- Being "not of this world" means we have a higher, that is, a heavenly calling, purpose, and destination. This world and its priorities are fading away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever (1 John 2:17). "What counts is the new creation" (Galatians 6:15 NIV).