

# WHO YOU GONNA CALL? JESUS!

ser4064, Where's God When I'm Afraid, Pt 2

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## **(HOOK) What is FEAR? (Play Video)**

I love that song! (**Go into detail about the song**).

(**Look at everyone's Holy Jeans!**)

### **Let's begin with a question, shall we?**

- o What is fear?
  - Fear is defined as an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, and likely to cause pain or a threat.
- o Very often we allow our fears to overcome our lives and we forget to call on God during our times of distress and worry.
- o Today I really want to talk about who we should call to when we are feeling afraid.

### **What do you say, let's call on Jesus! Let us Pray!**

Let's tackle one thing at a time when it comes to dealing with fear.

### **The Fears of Life (Show Slide)**

In our lives we face many fears. These fears can range from money challenges, to anxiety, to rejection, or to failure. While all these things matter we, as humans, have a hard time accepting the fact that God's will has to overcome our fears, and WE must accept that!

I can't tell you how many times people have come to me with certain issues and requests. There are times when people are dealing with situations that consume them with fear and worry. And what I find is that most often they have not consulted God.

You see when times are fearful, we have to call on God because He will guide us through.

Fear is something that Satan uses to distract us from the power of God. **(Show Slide)**

For example, I can't tell you how many times do college students worry about the funds needed to pay their expenses, and everything that falls under that category. We college students fear so much. These fears can span from funds needed to pay our loans after we graduate to a relationship with someone in our lives, and after college, if marriage is in the future. Sadly, what we don't learn in school is to give our fears to God.

**ILLUSTRATION: Tell the story about major essay I had to write as a freshman.**

The simple act of calling on God, even when you feel incapable of doing something, is a large step of faith. How many times have I been afraid? Far too many times. And yes, honestly, sometimes I don't think about calling on God. BUT I CAN SURE TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES HE HAS BEEN THERE WHEN I'M AFRAID, WHETHER I CALL ON HIM OR NOT! AND THAT'S BECAUSE I KNOW THE GOD THAT I SERVE!

I know some of you sitting here today are dealing with fears. The devil is using these fears to distract you from calling on God.

Let me tell you all right now, DO NOT LISTEN TO THE LIE OF THE ENEMY. WHEN YOU ARE FEELING FEARFUL—CALL ON GOD. THERE IS NO FEAR TOO BIG FOR HIM.

I don't know what fears you're facing but I know my God provides comfort in all situations, for He knows the plans He has for you.

- o **Psalm 23:4** says: **(Show Slide)**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**(BOOK)** **HOW CAN THE BIBLE HELP US  
OVERCOME OUR FEAR?**

Recall when Jesus was in the Garden just before the guards captured him.

Let's take a look at it. **(Let's stand!)**

o **Luke 22: 40-45 (Show Slide)**

<sup>40</sup> When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

o <sup>41</sup> And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." <sup>43</sup> [ ] Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

o <sup>45</sup> When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

You see, even Jesus experienced fear, but through it all He remained focused on the One who would get Him through His fears and challenges.

That clearly speaks to the issue with us today. We are not willing to let ourselves overcome our fears because we think that we can handle them, therefore we don't give them to God.

## Let's talk about it for a second.

In Luke Jesus says,

“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.”

***Luke 22:42***

- o I know there are a lot of us here today who are still holding on to that cup and are deathly afraid of it.
- o I know there are a lot of us here today who are refusing to drink from that cup.
- o I know there are a lot of us here today who are afraid of the challenges of the cup we are holding.
- o I know there are a lot of us here today who fear what may happen next.
- o Let me say this: IF THE SON OF GOD CAN DRINK FROM IT, THEN SO CAN WE!
  - It's not about what we can do as people.
  - It's not about what we can endure.
  - It's not about how tough we are.
  - It's about a GOD we serve who can handle any fearful trial we are faced with!!!

IF HE CAN DO IT FOR ME, HE CAN DO IT FOR YOU!

**(Show Slide)**

- o The Father knows what we are going through, and He knows what we need.
- o That brings us back to our sermon title, ***“Who You Gonna Call? Jesus!”***

## **(LOOK) HOW CAN WE OVERCOME FEAR?**

***Church, it is so simple!***

- o When we are feeling afraid, we have to call on God.
- o When we are feeling worried, we have to call on God.
- o When we are feeling anxious, we have to call on God.

**(Slide)** In ***Isaiah 41:13*** God tells us to call on Him in times of Fear: "For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

When we are letting fear take us over, we are pushing ourselves away from God. It's time to STOP and call on Jesus. We cannot do this thing called life on our own. We are going to experience fear, we are going to feel like nothing else can be done. But the Father says otherwise. All we have to do is trust and call on Him.

There may be some of us here today whose trust in God has fallen short, and who now don't know which way to turn. We have to learn to trust Him. We have to understand that the God we serve knows what we are going through. Even in the darkest of times, He knows what we face.

If we have trust in God, we need not fear anything, because we have the ultimate protector at our front.

Once again in ***Luke***, it says:

“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly.” *Luke 22:43*

It is plain and simple. God has our back even when we feel we can't handle our fears.

Jesus was given one of the most difficult tasks anyone could possibly endure, yet He called on God immediately to help Him through His sorrow.

**If JESUS can do that, THEN SO CAN WE!**

“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.” *Luke 22:43*

I don't know how many of us realize this, but we have a covering of protection over us every day. Just like the angel for Jesus, God has protection over us, so what shall we fear?

**ILLUSTRATION: Tell story about new house situation.**

**(TOOK) CALLING ON GOD BRINGS PEACE**

- o I want everyone to know that it is okay to call on God in times of worry.
- o I want everyone to know that God hears you when you are afraid. All you have to do is trust in Him.
- o The peace of the Lord is brought upon you when you remain still and trust in Him.
- o Fear allows you to become distracted and weak, while the Word of God strengthens you.

Just like the song by The Winans, *“Ain’t no need to worry what the night is gonna bring, it’ll be all over in the morning.”*

The power of God is an amazing thing, and we serve a God who will fight any and every battle facing us. There’s no ghost, task, issue, or situation that is too big for Him. All you have to do is call on HIM!

### **Transition line into INVITATION.**

**Admit**– your sins have separated you from God. (Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

**Believe** – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.) (Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

**Commit** – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

**Do it today!** (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, thank you for loving me. I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that you did something about my sin, through your son Jesus, when He died, so that I could be forgiven. Jesus, come into my heart, I give you my life. I make you my Lord and Savior. Amen.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Those of you who prayed with me today and **received** Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please fill out the **Welcome Card** or **White Envelope** found in the pew in front of you and check the box that says FTD. Place it in

the offering baskets as you leave the Church. We'll be in touch this week via letter giving you a few pointers on how to grow in your fellowship with Christ.

**Those of you watching [online](#) who prayed with me, please ...**

**TEXT:** Pray to 62488 or

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