



## Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 32 – Fearless Hope  
September 20, 2020

**Does hope seem like it is something for others, but not you?**

**Proverbs 13:12**

*<sup>12</sup> Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*

**God wants to give us hope - Satan wants to steal our hope.**

**What if our lack of hope is an inside job?**

**Psalm 27:1-3**

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?*

*<sup>2</sup> When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,*

*it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.*

*<sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;*

*though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.*

**There are times when this overwhelming war breaking out against us is fear itself.**

***Before fear can take root in our hearts, it has to conquer our minds.***

*Lord, I commit today to not let fear conquer my mind.*

**Satan wants you to not only experience fear, but give in to it.**

**Fear is fueled by imagination.**

**Anxiety is a mindset of fear that has moved in.**

**Anxiety is a mindset that involves expectation of that negative outcome we are fearing.**

**Anxiety is fear left unattended.**

**We need to stop arguing with fear!**



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**You are not obligated to your thoughts.**

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

*<sup>3</sup>For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

**Fear is an argument happening in your head.**

**We need to stop fighting fear on our own and instead, take it to see our Commander in Chief!**

**We must stop lashing out, and start crying out!**

### **Romans 8:15**

*<sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

**The things happening in the world should not drive us to fear and rage, they should drive us to our knees!**

### **Psalms 61:1-3**

*<sup>1</sup>Hear my cry, O God;  
listen to my prayer.*

*<sup>2</sup>From the ends of the earth I call to you,  
I call as my heart grows faint;  
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

*<sup>3</sup>For you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the foe.*

**What is the best cure for fear? God's presence!**



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### Psalm 23:4

*<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me...*

### Psalm 27:4-5

*<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.  
<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble  
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.*

