

MESSAGE NOTES

October 30, 2011

His Identity, Our Hope

Mark 4:35-41

#7 Reason for Hope Series

An Authentic Story

The best way to fight our fears is to _____.

Fear God = _____.

Learning to Fear God

- _____ the trap of false expectations.
- _____ your _____ to Jesus Christ.

(2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18-19; Romans 8:32; Hebrews 12:2)

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October 31– November 5, 2011

MONDAY

Read Mark 4:35-41. Notice the key elements of the story. Who is involved? What event is taking place? Where is it happening? When is it happening? What do you learn about Jesus from this story?

TUESDAY

Reread Mark 4:35-41. Contrast the disciples' and Jesus' response to one another in the midst of the storm. In what ways are the disciples wrestling with fear? What is Jesus' response to their fear? What response does He want them to have to their fear?

WEDNESDAY

Reread Mark 4:35-41. What does the disciples' question to Jesus reveal about their expectations of Him? Now read Hebrews 11:6, 32-39 and 1 Peter 1:3-9. How do these passages help you understand what your expectations of God should be in the midst of your fears? How should you respond to God as you face fears?

THURSDAY

Reread Mark 4:35-41. What is the significance of the two questions Jesus asked the disciples? How does Jesus reveal the key to overcoming fears? Now read 1 John 4:18-19. What fears do you face and how does God want you to respond to your fears?

FRIDAY

Read Ephesians 1:15-21 and 3:14-21. How do Paul's prayers help you develop your hope and faith in Christ as you face fears?

WEEKEND

Read Romans 8:32, 2 Timothy 1:7 and Hebrews 12:2. What can you learn from these passages about God and how He works in your life through circumstances? How can you respond to God to develop your faith in Christ as you face fears?

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