

FEAR AND DOUBT

When bad things happen, do fear and doubt cloud your thinking and cause your faith to waver? When we let fear and doubt have an influence over our lives they lead us to make wrong decisions. "Fear of the unknown" causes doubt and we become confused about the decisions we make. With self-examination, we see some things we share with the apostle Peter.

Peter sometimes showed quick temper, his fear, his doubt. When Peter cut off the slave's ear (his quick temper, John 18:10), when he denied Christ three times (fear for his life, Matthew 26), and when Peter walked on the water with Christ (fear and doubt, Matthew 14: 28-33), his faith wavered. When Peter started to sink, Christ reached His hand out to help. When we are going through tough times we seem to forget the Christ is always there for us to reach out to for the help we need.

In Hebrews 13:5 we have a promise from God that says, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." This is the same promise God made to Joshua after the death of Moses. Verse 8 assures us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. With this we can always be comforted that HE is always there when we need His help. Have we forgotten how to pray? Have we forgotten how to ask for God's help? Mark 11:24 states, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." We need to remember that in all things His will shall be done. Our faith in Christ needs to remain strong and our prayers should constantly request His help and guidance.

The eldership would like to ask for your prayers during the selection process for our new Family Involvement and Youth minister and pray that the right man is selected for this position.

For the elders,
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