

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Glorious Promises of God to His Children

Text: Isaiah 41:10

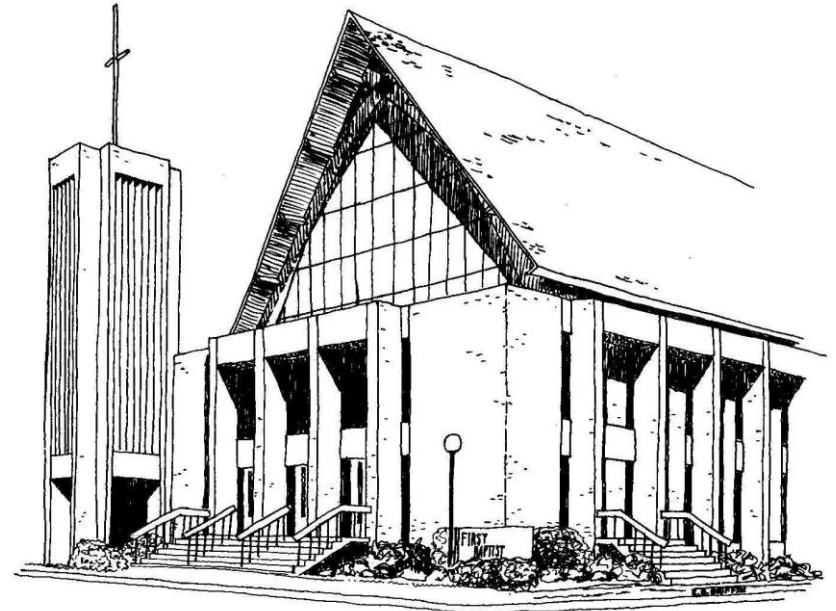
Introduction: I have heard that there are 365 “fear nots” in the Bible, one for every day of the year. What a source of hope and confidence it would be to begin each and every day by meditating on the fact that we don’t have to fear whatever we have to face.

Much to my chagrin, “fear not,” nor any of its close derivatives (fear thou not, be not afraid, do not fear, etc.), can be found in God’s Word 365 times. This information is not earthshaking. It’s just a cute saying that seems to be to this point incorrect. Don’t let it shake your faith. Just do not fear!

However, regardless of how many times we are instructed not to fear, it is our human tendency to fear. After all, there are many reasons to fear today: Coronavirus (COVID-19), economic collapse, recession, sickness, possible loss of a job, uncertainty of the future, etc.

As we are wrestling with this emotional issue, let’s be reminded that God desires for us to walk by faith, not fear! Fear and faith are opposites. God gives the gift of faith, not a spirit of fear. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7, NIV) “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV) In our text for today, Isaiah tells us, “don’t fear.” Why? Because God promises to protect us. Let’s notice this five-fold promise.

- I. “I am with _____.”
- II. “I am your _____.”
- III. “I will _____ you.”
- IV. “I will _____ you.”
- V. “I will _____ you with my righteous right hand.”



Sunday, March 22, 2020

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Worship

MORNING SERVICE

10:15 A.M.

Songs of Praise and Worship

The Solid Rock
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Great is Thy Faithfulness

Time of Prayer for our Country.....Larry Gipson

Annie Armstrong: It's All About the Gospel.....Micah Head

Message in Song.....Debbi Matthews

Message.....Larry Gipson

Closing Thoughts.....Larry Gipson

Postlude.....Celebration Band
"The Solid Rock"



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS will be delivered to anyone that needs one. Please contact the church office by 12 noon on Monday if you are interested.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of

March 22-28

Joshua 1-24

PSALM 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”