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**Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022**

Goals For 2023  
 Theme  
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"  
 Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:  
 Sunday AM: 50  
 Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**Myles Hester & Mark Maudlin**  
**Are preaching today**

**We are now in week #12 of our Daily Bible Reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn & Mark Maudlin,  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,  
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,  
 Novema Dunn, Debby Spears  
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon  
 Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland  
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill  
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

**THIS MONTH:**  
**Examples of Courage:CHRIST**  
 Matt. 26:42, Rev. 19:11-26

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper**  
**Mark 14:22-25**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Luke 10:25-29  
 PM: Romans 15:1-4

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 3  
 Invites last month: 19  
 Visitors YTD: 0

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**COURAGE of CHRIST**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**VISITORS**  
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.

- Courage: In Jesus' Own Words** (*Sermon 1, Bible class hour*)
- Context: Jesus' growing fame** (*Matthew 4:23-5:1*)
- Knowing Your Place: The Beatitudes** (*Matthew 5:2-12*)
- Knowing Your Purpose: Salt and Light** (*Matthew 5:13-20*)
- Knowing You Can Persevere: The House on the Rock** (*Matthew 7:24-29*)
- The Courage of the Crucified Christ** (*Sermon 2, AM worship*)
- Courage and Confrontation**
- Confronting the truth (*Luke 10:25-29*)
  - Confronting sin (*John 4:7-18*)
  - Confronting trials (*John 18:4-11*)
- Courage and Compassion**
- Compassion for those in need (*Luke 10:30-37*)
  - Compassion for sinners (*John 4:21-29, 39-42*)
  - Compassion for the ignorant (*Luke 23:32-35*)
- Courage and the Cross**
- Doing the right thing to confront the power of evil (*Acts 10:38*)
  - Doing the right thing to show compassion for others (*Romans 5:6-8*)
  - Doing the right thing because it is right (*John 16:33*)

**Myles Hester**

## What Can We Learn?

### Reading: Romans 15:1-4

Eve

Genesis 2:16-17

Genesis 3:1-6

Lot

Genesis 13:8-13

10 Spies

Numbers 13:26-33

Numbers 14:36-37

Eli

1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25

Children of Israel

1 Samuel 8:1-9

King Saul

1 Samuel 14:24-46

Judas

John 12:1-7

Matthew 26:14-16

Peter

Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75

**Mark Maudlin**

## Fear Not

**What makes you afraid? People fear all kinds of things from snakes to tight spaces to needles. Some fears are completely irrational, others are based in some sort of traumatic experience.**

Matthew 10 talks a lot about fear and tells us exactly what we as Christians should and should not be afraid of. Verses 16-23 are Jesus' warning to the apostles that they would be hated and persecuted for His sake. In fact, He tells them honestly and directly that he is sending them into dangerous, difficult situations. Families will be divided, Christians will be put on trial and martyred due to their faith, and the apostles will quite literally have to run for their lives.

All of this, though, sets up Jesus' main point in the next section. If you skip to verses 26-33, we read what we should really be afraid of. After outlining the horrors that would come to the first century church at the hands of their persecutors, Jesus says, *"do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."* What the apostles had to realize is that there are horrific things that would happen in their lives, but no matter how much pain or persecution they endured, God would be just in the end, for better or for worse, for everyone, for all of time. If they lived faithfully to Him and kept His commandments, then they would be eternally "acknowledged" before the Father as The Redeemed, and they would be in a place where they would forget all the sorrows of this world and experience the indescribable joy of their Maker's presence for all eternity. But, if they did not fear the living God and keep His commandments while on this earth, they would be eternally separated from the Father of the Man they had followed and worked with for 3 years. Their body and soul would be destroyed beyond anything an abusive, tyrannical emperor like Nero could even dream of. *That* should terrify us, just like it did them.

Jesus' goal in these verses, though, is not just to literally put the fear of God into His apostles. He also uses this time to encourage them. Verses 29-31 tell us, *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* Jesus uses the thoughts of the coming persecution as motivation for His apostles to keep their eyes on the Heavenly Father. No matter how bad the persecution got, no matter how many of their brethren were stoned, no matter how many Christians were forced to compete to the death in the Coliseum, God knew everything about them and cared for them deeply.

We serve an omniscient God. He knows everything, including who are His, who are proud to be His, and who is slacking off in His kingdom. It is scary to know that whether we like it or not, and no matter how well we "fake it" with our brethren, we cannot hide from God. Jonah tried it. Adam and Eve tried it. It has never worked, so why would we be any different?

In the context of a comparison between God's mercy and His wrath, the Hebrew writer tells us in Hebrews 10:31, *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* God's mercy, grace, love, and faithfulness are all strong, but His wrath and His judgment are too. When the end comes, God Himself is coming back to earth with a vengeance unlike anything we have seen before. His eternal purpose will be fulfilled and those who have been faithful to Him, His word, and His plan, will reap the benefits of their work. As the song says: "This world's a wilderness of woe, this world is not my home. We will work till Jesus comes."

But, on the other hand, Satan's head will finally be crushed, darkness will be defeated, along with the rest of those who are not on God's side. It is absolutely horrifying to think about the amount of destruction, judgment, and separation that will occur on that day. But is also incomprehensible to imagine the amount of love and joy that awaits those who are sons and daughters of the King.

The lesson in all of this is really to understand who we are dealing with. God has so many complex qualities that we can never fully understand, but the more we learn about Him and the closer our relationship with Him is, the better we will be able to understand and fear Him properly. We are to keep growing, keep praising Him, and keep communicating with Him through scripture and prayer. The more we teach ourselves about who God is, the more ready we will be to humble ourselves at His feet on the day of judgment.

We are to stay humble, stay in the Word, and stay fearful.

After all, *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* (Proverbs 1:7)

**Myles Hester**