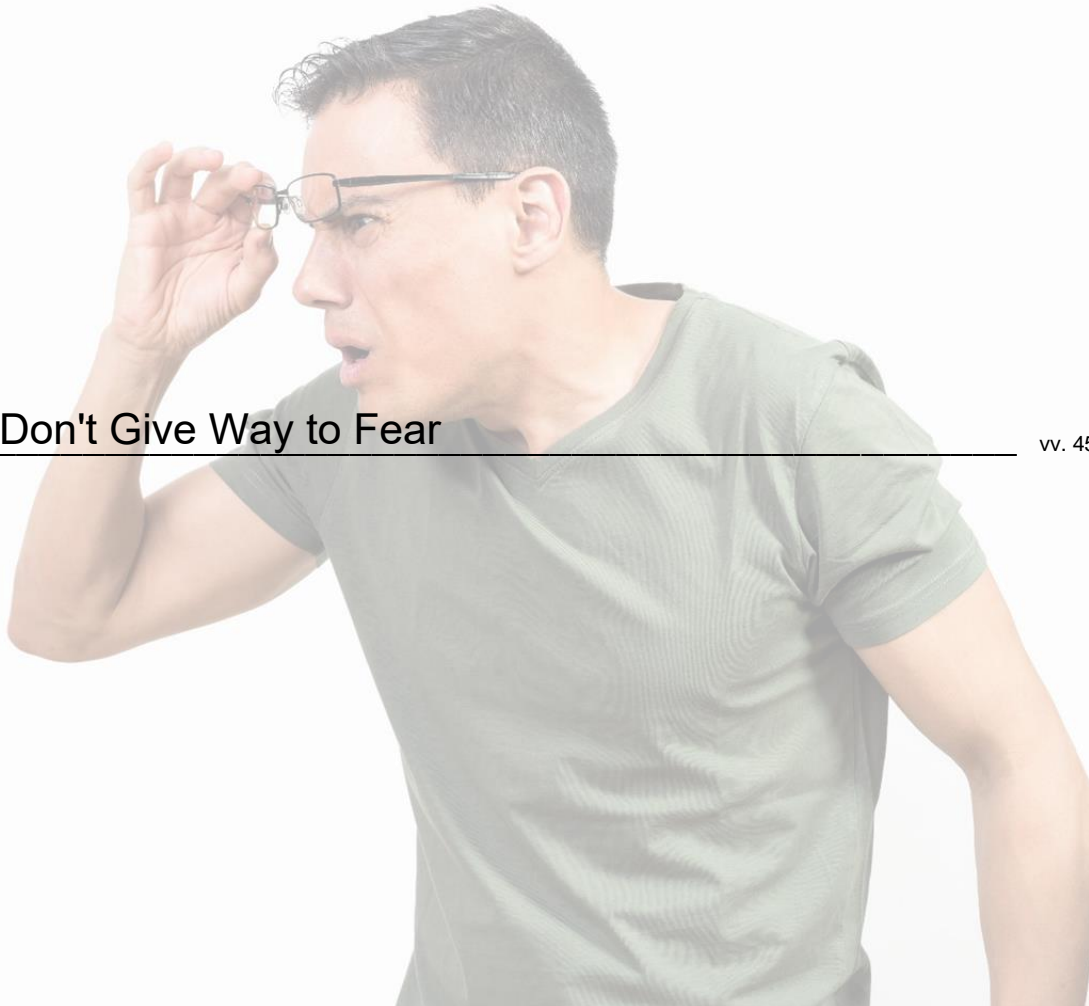


Distractions?

“ How to Respond When Life Gets Challenging - Part 4 ”

1. Remember God Isn't Limited to Your Plan vv. 38-44

2. Don't Give Way to Fear vv. 45-54



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 11:38-44, Ephesians 3:20, Romans 11:33-34

- What does today's devotion teach you about God's power and abilities? How do your abilities compare?
- In what way is this both an encouragement and an admonishment regarding the challenges you are currently facing?
- How have you experienced God's power working in your life? What adjustments do you need to make?

TUESDAY // Read John 11:38-44, Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 18:1-8

- Explain the dire circumstances surrounding Jesus' arrival to help Lazarus? How could this have been avoided?
- In what way did Martha let these circumstances distract from her trusting in Jesus? Be specific.
- What challenges are you currently facing? How have you let distractions impact you? How can prayer help?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 11:38-44, Romans 5:14, Ephesians 2:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Given Lazarus ultimately died years later, in what way is there also a spiritual application?
- Specifically, how is Lazarus' resurrection an illustration of what happens to someone who becomes a Christian?
- How does this truth encourage you in light of a struggle you are facing? How can you avoid being distracted?

THURSDAY // Read John 11:45-53, Proverbs 9:10, Matthew 6:31-34, Hebrews 13:6, 1 John 4:18

- What were the religious leaders' primary concerns when it came to the resurrection of Lazarus?
- How did fear play into it? In what way was their response a demonstration of their fear? Be specific.
- What does this highlight about fear, faith, and challenging times? How does this help you? Be specific.

FRIDAY // Read John 11:45-52, Lev. 16:7-10, 20-22, Isaiah 53:8, Romans 11:26, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- What solution did Caiaphas put forward as the solution for combating the popularity of Jesus?
- In what way was he acknowledging God's redemptive plan? Be specific.
- What does this teach you about man's ability to thwart God's plans? How does this encourage you?

SATURDAY // Read John 11:47-52, Mark 13:27, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1

- How was the strategy/prophecy of Caiaphas an attempt to keep the Jewish nation in power?
- In what way did it also provide spiritual protection for both Jews and Gentiles? Be specific.
- How does this help you trust in the Lord, rather than your own plans and strategies? How will you do this today?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."

John 11:41-42