

Evening Lesson

BE NOT AFRAID!

John 6:19-21

INTRO:

1. Explain the circumstances of the text.
Matt.14:22; Mark 6:45
2. Sometimes we, like the apostles, get caught up in trouble and the storms of life threaten us.
3. Never forget these words from the Lord of all the faithful children of God: Be Not Afraid!

I. BE NOT AFRAID! – THE LORD WILL BE WITH US TO THE END. vs. 19, 20

- A. He is near at all times and willing to help.
- B. He promises to be with us. **Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Pet. 3:9**
- C. Nothing can separate me from him. **Rom. 8:28-39;**
John10:27-29

II. BE NOT AFRAID! -- HIS PRESENCE BRINGS US JOY. v. 21a

- A. The apostles were afraid of Jesus at first as we sometimes fear what he will require in our lives. **Luke 9:23-26**
- B. He gives an abundant life. **John 10:10; Phil 4:4**
- C. Happiness is enhanced by his presence. **Isa. 12:2, 3**

III. BE NOT AFRAID! -- HIS PRESENCE BRINGS SUCCESS IN OUR LIVES. v. 21

- A. Apart from Christ I am nothing. **Phil 1:12-16**
- B. With Christ in my life nothing can cause me to fail.
Rom.8:37

CONC:

1. Fear will hold me back in my service to God.
2. Fear doesn't come from God. **2 Tim. 1:7**
3. If I truly love God there is no need for fear!
1 John4:18
4. Do not be afraid to think big. **Phi1. 4:13**
5. "BE NOT AFRAID! IT IS I!"