

When Fear Tempts Us to Silence (2/23/25)

Verses: 1 Peter 3:14-15

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'Takeaway': When fear tries to overwhelm us and turn us from God's will, Scripture reminds us to honor Christ, not fear, as most important.



Getting Started: What do you do when you're afraid or feeling overwhelmed?

READ: 1 Peter 3:14-15 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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Talk to God. Thank him for his Word. Thank him that his Word reminds us that we need to focus on Christ and not our fears or troubles. Ask God to help you learn more about him through his Word as you grow. Ask him to help you to share the hope that can only be found in him as our own hearts are focused on him. Praise God that he is greater than all our fears!

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