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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Give Me a Sign Sermon: "Fear Less"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What stood out to you from this message? What did you hear from God?
- 2. Have you ever regretted not following a sign from God because you were afraid of what might or might not happen?
- 3. Which of the three fears listed resonates with you the most and why?
- 4. Is there something you fear losing that is paralyzing you?
- 5. What is most helpful for you when facing a step into the unknown? Have you ever spent time with fearful people, only to adopt their fear? What did you do?
- 6. What has God taught you through previous failures?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444

Give Me a Sign "Fear Less" Pastor Kris Beckert

What often stops us from following a sign from God?

Isaiah 41:10-13 So **do not fear**, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ¹¹ "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. ¹² Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. ¹³ For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, **Do not fear**; I will help you.

Fears that stop us from following signs from God:

#1. Fe	ear of
•	Anyone who chose to follow Jesus had to something or someone
•	Those who chose not to follow Jesus didn't want to

Matthew 19:20-22 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Numbers 13:31-34 Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we." ³² So they brought to the Israelites an unfavorable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. ³³ There we saw the Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim), and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."

 The Israelites were in a place they'd never been and their fear of the unknown made them _____

#3.	Fear	of	

Exodus 3:10-11 Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 4:13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

Matthew 28:20 And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Big Idea:			

A Prayer of Mother Teresa

Deliver me, O Jesus: From the desire of being esteemed

From the desire of being loved

From the desire of being honored

From the desire of being praised

From the desire of being preferred to others

From the desire of being consulted

From the desire of being approved

From the desire of being popular.

Deliver me, O Jesus: From the fear of being humiliated

From the fear of being despised

From the fear of being rebuked

From the fear of being slandered

From the fear of being forgotten

From the fear of being wronged

From the fear of being treated unfairly

From the fear of being suspected

And, Jesus, grant me the grace

To desire that others might be more loved than I

That others might be more esteemed than I

That in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I decrease

That others may be chosen and I set aside

That others may be preferred to me in everything

That others may become holier than I, provided that I, too, become as holy as I can. Amen.