



TRUE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105

GIVE YOUR FEARS TO THE FATHER

June 20, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :

9:30 a.m.

Worship:

10:15 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

Are you struggling with fear today? Is it the pandemic, a job, food, something else? Are you seeing the size of your worries and not the size of your Savior? I think I can point you in a direction that might help you right-size your fear. I'd like to start with a long look at Jesus. A long look at his face.

It's the expression of Jesus that puzzles us. We've never before seen his face like this. Jesus smiling? Yes. Jesus weeping? Absolutely. Jesus stern? Even that. But Jesus anguished? Cheeks streaked with tears? Face flooded in sweat? Rivulets of blood dripping from his chin?

You remember the night. Jesus left the city and went to the Mount of Olives, as he often did, and his followers went with him. When he reached the place, he said, to them, *Pray for strength against temptation* (Luke 22:40 NCV).

Then Jesus went about a stone's throw away from them. He kneeled down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him to strengthen him. Being full of pain, Jesus prayed even harder. His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground (Luke 22:41-44 NCV).

What do we do with this image of Jesus?

Simple. We turn to it when we look the same. We read it when we feel the same; we read it when we feel afraid. For isn't it likely that fear was one of the emotions Jesus felt? One might even argue that fear was the primary emotion.

He saw something in the future so fierce, so foreboding that he begged for a change of plans. *Father, if you are willing, take this cup of suffering* (Luke 22:42 NCV).

*Don't measure the size of the mountain;
talk to the One who can move it. Instead
of carrying the world on your shoulders,
talk to the One who holds the universe on
his.*

What causes you to pray the same prayer? Facing a pandemic? Leaving your house? Being in a crowd? Walking into a hospital? Boarding an airplane? Speaking publicly? Starting a new job? Taking a spouse? Driving on a highway? The source of your fear may seem small to others. But it freezes your feet, makes your heart pound, and brings blood to your face. That's what happened to Jesus.

He was so afraid that he bled. Doctors describe this condition as hematomatosis. Severe anxiety causes the release of chemicals that break down the capillaries in the sweat glands. When this occurs, sweat comes out tinged with blood. Jesus was more than anxious; he was afraid. Fear is worry's big brother. If worry is a bur-lap bag, fear is a trunk of concrete. It wouldn't budge. How remarkable that Jesus felt such fear. But how kind that he told us about it.

We tend to do the opposite. Gloss over our fears. Cover them up. Keep our sweaty palms in our pockets, our nausea, and our dry mouths a secret. Not so with Jesus. We see no mask of strength. But we do hear a request for strength.

He prayed, "Abba, Father! You can do all things. Take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want" (Mark 14:36 NCV).

The first one to hear his fear is his Father. He could have gone to his mother. He could have confided in his disciples. He could have assembled a prayer meeting. All would have been appropriate, but none were his priority. He went first to his Father.

Oh, how we tend to go everywhere else. First to the bar, to the counselor, to the self-help book, or to the friend next door. Not Jesus. The first one to hear his fear was his Father in heaven. How did Jesus endure the terror of the crucifixion? He went first to the Father with his fears.

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CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

June 21 - Marty Howard
 June 22 - Drew Mason
 Houston Neely
 June 23 - Tansy Shelton
 June 24 - Maleah Clayton
 June 25 - Jack McGowan
 Gloria Moore



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Velveeta Cheese * Disinfectant Spray
 (i.e. Lysol) * Light Bulbs * Nuts * Toilet
 Tissue * Spaghetti Sauce

PICK UP DATE AUGUST 16

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 24 - Josh & Jessica Young
 June 26 - David & Jane Terrill
 June 27 - Jason & Celia McGowan

Attendance for June 13: 107
Contribution for June 13: \$3292

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

"...I was sick and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36

Remember: * **Kathy Caudle** has been having a lot of hip pain and will be seeing a surgeon in the near future * **Pam Claeys** remains in St. Louis, waiting for a bed at a skilled nursing facility * **Woody Wood** will be having some tests tomorrow and Wednesday * **David Burleson** had a cancer scan Friday * **Jerry Burleson** had some skin cancers removed and will also be having a cancer scan * **TJ Hester**, who has a severe eye injury following a baseball accident *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Pam Claeys * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Grant Howard * Don Jackson * Morris Karnes * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Kevin Mickey * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Waynetta Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Jane Smith * Leon Smith * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Sharlette Watson

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cra-
 vens * Bill Fitzpatrick * Jo Carolyn Flowers * Kim Goins * Ronnie Goins * LeAnn
 Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Connie Lemmons *
 Ponna Mahan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Tammy Telker
 * Bobby Thornton * Paula Walls

Other health issues (non-congregational):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Jodi Claeys * Jerry Grimes * Lem Hubbard * Dana
 Jo Jackson * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Nikki Lawrence * Jerry
 Don McGowan * Paul Maddox * Brenda Robinson * Gene Rowland * Kevin Steed
 * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Heather Whitehead * Eva Latham

Our Shut Ins

Pauline Allen * Fern Botsch * Pam Claeys * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don
 Jackson * Shirley Johnson * Sonja Mays * Elwood Rush * Bettie Thurston * Marty
 Watson * Joy Watson

Looking Ahead

Our Summer Series Speaker this week will be Jay Lyles. There is a list of our up-
 coming speakers on the table in the foyer

Session 3 of BYC will be July 11-16. There are some applications for camp on the
 table in the foyer; you may also register online at www.bootheeyouthcamp.com. The
 early registration deadline to save \$20 is coming up; get yours in today

A bridal shower for Kalee Howard will be held July 18 at 1:30 in the fellowship room.
 Kalee and Owen are registered at Amazon and Target. Wal-Mart gift cards also ap-
 preciated!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18-22. We will need lots of help (and
 cookies!) Please make plans to be a part of VBS this year.

BRAIN TEASER: It is greater than God, and more evil than the devil. The
 poor have it, the rich need it and if you eat it you'll die. What is it?

Answer: Nothing



June 20, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Woods
 Scripture.....Ron Garner
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Closing Prayer.....Jonathon Simmons

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Donnie Ray Brown
 Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, June 23

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
 Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Dismissal.....David Carson

June 27, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
 Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....Justin Allen
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Closing Prayer.....Rodney Williams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
 Scripture.....Zack Tanner
 Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

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Do the same with yours. Don't avoid life's Gar-
 dens of Gethsemane. Enter them. Just don't
 enter them alone. And while there, be honest.
 Pounding the ground is permitted. Tears are
 allowed. And if you sweat blood, you won't be
 the first. Do what Jesus did; open your heart.
 And be specific. Jesus was. "Take this cup," he
 prayed. Give God the date of the event. Provide
 the number of the flight. Tell him about the
 doctor's appointment. Share the details of the
 job transfer. He has plenty of time. He also has
 plenty of compassion. He doesn't think your
 fears are foolish or silly. He won't tell you to
 "buck up" or "get tough." He's been where you
 are. He knows how you feel.

And he knows what you need. That's why we
 punctuate our prayers as Jesus did. *If you are
 willing...* (Luke 22:42). Was God willing? Yes
 and no. He didn't take away the cross, but he
 took the fear. God didn't still the storm, but he
 calmed the sailor. Who is to say he won't do
 the same for you?

The apostle Paul reminds us: *Do not be anxious
 about anything, but in every situation, by prayer
 and petition, with thanksgiving, present your
 requests to God* (Phil. 4:6).

Don't measure the size of the mountain; talk to
 the One who can move it. Instead of carrying
 the world on your shoulders, talk to the One
 who holds the universe on his. Hope is a look
 away. Maybe you've let fear rule your life in
 the past, but today, give your fears to God. It's
 never too late to begin again.

Max Lucado, via www.heartlight.com