

# JUST SAY NO ... TO FEAR

## 1. We live by faith, not by fear. (Say NO to fear)

- *“Do **not** let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”* John 14:1 NIV
- *For God has **NOT** given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* 2 Timothy 1:7
- *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do **not** give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* John 14:27 NIV
- *“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”* John 14:27 NLT
- *For we live by faith, not by sight.* 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

## 2. We are sacrificial, not selfish. (Say YES to caring)

- ***Don’t be selfish;** don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.* Philippians 2:3-4 NLT
- *All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* Acts 2:46-47 NIV

## 3. We shine the light, we do not hide it. (Say YES to sharing)

- *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:14-16 NIV
- *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.* 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 NIV
- *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.* 1 Peter 3:15

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER (and ACT on)

- Are you dealing with any fears or anxieties right now? What are they?
- Would you describe your faith as more of an “on-and-off” faith or a daily faith?
- What are some ways you could live out your faith more during the week?
- Are you reading Pastor Jim’s daily devotionals or following our reading through the New Testament in 2020?
- How can you show care for others and bring hope to those who need it this week?
- Can you think of anyone who might benefit from watching a *Fireside Chat* this week?
- Are you praying for Pastor Jim and Debbie as they lead the church during this unprecedented time in our history?
- Are you also praying for the staff, the board and for our Lake Church family?
- What friend of yours are you praying for, who doesn’t attend church anywhere?

See you next week ONLINE ... [www.lakechurch.org](http://www.lakechurch.org) ... and watch for the daily devotionals.