

# FEAR NOT

## Fear Not - Week 1

### Message Discussion Questions

#### Introduction:

This week Chance begins a new series called 'Fear Not'. How easily are you scared? Do you walk around in fear? We all have fears, we all carry fears inside of us. We let fear take control of us and dictate how we act.

For Week 1 we will begin by looking to contrast the fears we have with the fear of the Lord. Do you have fear in the wrong context? Are you putting your fear in the right place?

#### Questions:

1. What is fear? How would you describe or define fear to someone else? Are some of your fears irrational, things that will almost never happen? Would you agree that often the fear that we hold is because of faith in the wrong things? Do you put faith in things that don't deserve it?
2. What types of fear do you carry? Do your fears include a lot of 'what if's'? What if the economy fails, what if you lose your job, what if you get sick, what if the wrong person is elected, etc.? Does your fear impact every area of your life?
3. What if there is a better way to deal with fear? What is Biblical fear? How can Biblical fear be a good thing? Do you agree that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom? Proverbs 1:7
4. What's the difference between fear and awe? How can fear of the Lord lead you to praise God and obey Him? How can there be joy in fear of the Lord? Psalm 112:1-2
5. How can fear of the Lord lead you to submission? Why can fear of the Lord lead you to do good deeds, to

lend generously and conduct business fairly? What does that have to do with being wealthy, not in a financial way? Psalm 112:3-6

6. How can fear of the Lord lead you to trust Him? Can fear of the Lord change how you respond to bad news? Do you have confidence that God will care for all of your needs? Can fear of the Lord help you to live fearlessly? Psalm 112:7-8

7. How can fear of the Lord lead you to love? Does fear of the Lord help you to have influence with others because of His love? Can fear of the Lord help you to live righteously? How can the way you live rub wicked people the wrong way? Do you recognize who God is? Psalm 112:9-10; Proverbs 9:10

**Key Takeaway:** *Fear cannot be focused on what you're going to lose, how you're going to lose it. FEAR is the reverence and AWE of serving GOD who is bigger and above ALL that we can think, dream, or imagine!*

### **Summary:**

- What is fear? How would you describe it?
- We all have fear, some of our fears are irrational
- The fear we hold is often faith in the wrong things
- What types of fear do you carry?
- What is Biblical fear?
- Fear is the reverence, submission and awe of serving God
- How do you put your faith over your fear?