



Dreaming Beyond Your Fears

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December 31, 2020

Big Question: Are you tempted to be afraid?

I. Four Fears I Have Fought Off Since the Pandemic Started

1. **Social** fears (I was tempted to fear we would lose touch with everyone)
2. **Financial** fears (I was tempted to fear we would suffer a sudden financial fall)
3. **Facility** fears (I was concerned about the social distancing requirements in our facility)
4. **Peer** fears (What would our friends say when we refused to follow their approach?)

II. Four Things Paul Said to Timothy To Help Him Manage His Fears

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- For the Spirit God gave us does not make us **timid**, but gives us **power, love and self-discipline**. (NIV)
1. We are not called to be **timid**. (We are not cowards)
 2. We are gifted with **power** (We have ability)
 3. We are called to **love** unconditionally (agape)
 4. We are called to be **self-disciplined** (Nobody will ever be able to discipline you enough for you to succeed)

Question: Will you do what it takes to overcome your fears?

III. Four Things That Excite Me About Our Future

1. The way our members and friends have embraced our **online ship**
2. The way our members and friends have consistently **given**
3. The way our members and friends have **volunteered**
4. The way our church has responded to our **new schedules**



Theme for 2021: How to Live In a New World

January Sermon Series: The Power of Good Home Training

Statement: Good home training shows up in the way you respond to the things that tempt you. Jesus modeled four signs of good home training. In the new world we face four skills that will be essential.

1. The ability to be **alone**
2. The ability to **prioritize**
3. The ability to recognize **wisdom**
4. The ability to say **no**

Read Ahead: Mark 2:18-22