

FEARLESS

(1) In The Beginning...

DO YOU WAIT TO TALK ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY HAPPEN...?

DO YOU GO AHEAD AND DISCUSS THINGS AHEAD OF TIME EVEN THOUGH IT MAY SEEM SOMEWHAT IRRELEVANT AT THE TIME?

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO RESPOND?

HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN RESPOND TO ANXIETY...?

HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN RESPOND TO FEAR...?

IN THE BEGINNING...

-Betrayed by a Friend...

-Unjustly Arrested...

-Illegally Tried and Convicted...

-Persecuted and Beaten beyond Human Recognition...

-Given a Death Sentence!

Matthew 27:39-40/42-44...

*Those who passed by hurled **INSULTS** at Him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"*

(42-44) *"He saved others," they said, "but He can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now if He wants Him, for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the rebels who were crucified with Him also heaped **INSULTS** on Him.*

*He was **AUDACIOUS**... He was **BRASH**... He was **CONFRONTATIONAL**...*

He was F-E-A-R-L-E-S-S!!

FOLLOW ME!

Luke 9:23...

**“Whoever wants to be my Disciple...
must DENY THEMSELVES...
and TAKE UP THEIR “CROSS” DAILY...
and FOLLOW ME.**

Matthew 10:28...

**Do not be AFRAID of THOSE who kill the body but cannot
kill the soul. Rather be AFRAID of the ONE who can
destroy both soul and body in hell.**

UNCERTAINTY in life is UNAVOIDABLE!

LIVING FEARFUL is OPTIONAL!

Matthew 5:1-12...

*Now when Jesus saw the crowds - he went up on a mountainside
and sat down. His **disciples** came to him... and He began to teach
them. He said...*

*3 Blessed are the **poor in spirit**... for theirs is the **kingdom of
heaven.***

*4 Blessed are those who **mourn**...
for they will be **comforted.***

*5 Blessed are the **meek**... for they will **inherit the earth.***

*6 Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**...
for they will be **filled.***

*7 Blessed are the **merciful**... for they will be **shown mercy.***

*8 Blessed are the **pure in heart**... for they will **see God.***

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers...
for they will be called children of God.*

*10 Blessed are those who are PERSECUTED because of
righteousness... for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11 Blessed are you when people INSULT you - PERSECUTE you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
12 Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in heaven...
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.*

**IN THE BEGINNING... JESUS and His First Followers...
EMBRACED the fact that UNCERTAINTY in life was
UNAVOIDABLE... but LIVING FEARFUL WAS OPTIONAL!**

**1. IS YOUR VERSION OF "CHRISTIANITY"
TODAY... REALLY WORTH ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED BEFORE YOU...?**

**2. IS YOUR VERSION OF
"CHRISTIANITY" WORTH DYING FOR...?**

**3. IS THE WAY WE LIVE TODAY
WORTH THE PRICE THEY PAID...?**
