

HALLELUJAH!

WHAT A SAVIOR

FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK

Luke 12:32

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STUDY FOR SERMON FROM 05.04.25

SUMMARY

The most repeated command in the Bible is “Fear not.” In principle, many Christians understand that because of Christ, we have nothing to fear. However, putting this principle into practice proves to be a more demanding challenge. How are Christians to live a life without fear? To begin that journey, we must fully grasp what Jesus is saying in this passage and throughout the Scriptures. In the middle of his sermon, when Jesus instructs his followers to “fear not” (v. 32), he reassures them that the kingdom of heaven awaits them. However, being told, “Don’t be afraid, it will all end well,” provides little comfort at the moment—but this isn’t all that Jesus is saying. The greater context of the passage is Jesus instructing his followers not to be anxious about their lives (v. 22). Why? Because if the Heavenly Father shows regard for the birds and flowers, how much more will he show for his children? He will provide us with everything we need—clothing, food, drink; moreover, the Lord knows you need them, so why would he withhold them from you? Then, leading into Jesus’ instruction to not fear given the nature of his care for us, he tells us that “all these things will be added to you,” therefore, why would we fear? But perhaps the most critical thought comes right before Jesus says, “all these things will be added to you” (v. 31). Jesus frontloads this clause with another clause that’s essential for understanding how we might live worry-free and without fear; it’s the first part of verse 31 which says, “Instead, seek his kingdom . . .” In other words, Jesus says, “Instead of worrying, seek the kingdom of God.” To seek the kingdom of God is to seek or pursue things consistent with his character. We should pursue the things Christ pursued in his earthly ministry, which was one characterized by humility, service, and sacrifice (Philippians 2:5–11). The ultimate reassurance the Lord gives Christians is that when they pursue the kingdom of God—when we walk in the footsteps of Jesus—the things that might otherwise preoccupy our hearts and minds and grip us with anxiety and fear begin to fade away. This is the ultimate assurance that comes with the kingdom he’s given us (v. 32).

GROUP QUESTIONS

Share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you from the sermon or your direct reading of Luke 12:32.

What are the things you find yourself worried or preoccupied with the most? Are they things you should worry about? How do you interpret your worries in light of our Scripture passage today?

What are some practical ways to seek the kingdom of God (v. 31)? What does it look like for today’s Christian to pursue the things of God? How well are you doing with seeking the kingdom of God? What are the areas of improvement you might identify?

If there’s one thing Jesus would want you to walk away believing and receiving as a result of this portion of Scripture, what is that thing?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As you pray, be sure to include today’s themes in what you bring before God.