

Midweek Study Lesson 08/19/2026

Sunday August 16, 2026

THOU SHALL NOT FEAR, Isaiah 54: 14 - 17

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I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

Reflection: Has pain, disappointment, or somebody else’s words ever tried to name your future?

Explain the following points in reference to Sunday’s sermon.

- 1. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. –**

- 2. Turn pain into power through faith and prayer. –**

- 3. Stand firm in the full armor of God and speak the word boldly. –**

Observation Question:

In the example from Psalm 91, what kinds of danger are mentioned, and what repeated promise is given about fear and nearness?

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Interpretation Question

The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. What does it mean that silence can leave a situation unchallenged, while speaking God's Word brings light to the way?

Application Question

Has there been a relationship where fear made you want to throw the whole person away? What might caution and discernment look like there instead, without excusing what is unhealthy?

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2 Corinthians 4:8-9

"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;"

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

"Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, 'Because I bore him in pain.' And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, 'Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!' So God granted him what he requested."

- **Key Takeaways**

- **1. Righteousness establishes holy resistance. God does not begin with the weapon, but with the foundation of righteousness.** The servant of the Lord stands against oppression because God has already established identity before conflict starts. The battle is not won by panic, but by resting in what God has declared as birthright.
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- **2. Fear separates, caution discerns. Fear throws people away because one part of them is wounded, but caution asks God how to handle the unhealed place wisely.** The enemy loves division because division makes behavior look like the whole person. Discernment rebukes the root without watering deception.
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- **3. The Word must be spoken. The Word of God is living, sharp, and assigned to accomplish what God pleases.** Silence gives the situation too much room, but declaration gives the Word something to perform. A mouth filled with Scripture becomes a place where light starts shining on the way.
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- **4. Pain does not name destiny. Jabez carried a name that announced pain every time it was spoken, but his prayer reached higher than his history.** God's blessing interrupted what pain tried to prophesy over his future. The Lord can enlarge the life that has been narrowed by labels, wounds, and old reports.
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- **5. Armor means staying ready.** Ephesians does not tell God's people to scramble after the attack begins, but to stand already clothed. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, Scripture, and prayer become the posture of wartime. The enemy counts on exhaustion, but God equips His servants to keep standing after all has been done.