

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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We are champions of hope on a mission with the Holy Spirit. We are convinced that since Jesus took the worst this broken world could dish out and overcame it all, he can help anyone, anywhere make it through any day.

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Micah 4:2 NIRV

<font color="#999999">2</font></small> People from many nations will go there. They will say, "Come, let us go up to the Lord's mountain. Let's go to the temple of Jacob's God. He will teach us how we should live. Then we will live the way he wants us to." The law of the Lord will be taught at Zion. His message will go out from Jerusalem.

<https://bible.com/bible/110/mic.4.2.NIRV>

Our world wobbles with uncertainty and anxiety. We face an unprecedented pandemic. COVID-19 upsets everything we thought we knew. Our previous sources of security fell away in a matter of days. When will it end? What will we do after this disease runs its course? What unshakeable foundations can we stand on? Let's go up to the Lord's mountain and receive the peace we crave.

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Who can we trust if our world crumbles into chaos?

Read a psalm as you would a poem because it is poetry.

Psalms 46:1-3 NLT

<font color="#999999">1</font></small> God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. <font color="#999999">2</font></small> So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. <font

color="#999999">3</font></small> Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! Interlude  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.46.1-3.NLT>

A mighty fortress is our God. (Martin Luther)

Psalms 46:4-7 NLT

<small><font color="#999999">4</font></small> A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High. <small><font color="#999999">5</font></small> God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it. <small><font color="#999999">6</font></small> The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts! <small><font color="#999999">7</font></small> The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. Interlude  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.46.4-7.NLT>

The songwriter refers to a city with a river. What city?

John 7:37-39 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">37</font></small> On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <small><font color="#999999">38</font></small> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." <small><font color="#999999">39</font></small> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.7.37-39.NIV>

Psalms 46:8-11 NLT

<small><font color="#999999">8</font></small> Come, see the glorious works of the Lord : See how he brings destruction upon the world. <small><font color="#999999">9</font></small> He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire. <small><font color="#999999">10</font></small> "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." <small><font color="#999999">11</font></small> The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. Interlude  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.46.8-11.NLT>

The Lord commands the storms in nature and nations, "Quiet! Be still!"

Mark 4:35-41 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">35</font></small> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <small><font color="#999999">36</font></small> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <small><font color="#999999">37</font></small> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <small><font color="#999999">38</font></small> Jesus

was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <font color="#999999">39</font></small> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <font color="#999999">40</font></small> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <font color="#999999">41</font></small> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.4.35-41.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Faith in the Lord forces out fear.

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How? How can we experience a fearless faith?

Psalms 91:1 NIV

<font color="#999999">1</font></small> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
<https://psalm.bible/psalm-91-1>

Daniel 3:17-18 NIV

<font color="#999999">17</font></small> If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. <font color="#999999">18</font></small> But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/dan.3.17-18.NIV>

We want fearless faith like that. Don't we? We expect to do something to develop unshakable faith. We look for how we can achieve it. We set goals and try harder. We ask the flawed questions, so our answers fall short too. Faith in, trust in, belief in, and loyalty to Jesus grow out of depending on the Holy Spirit.

How willing are you to recognize your need to fully depend on the Holy Spirit for fearless faith? How willing are you to begin seeing how powerless you are to develop unshakable faith on your own?

Bible Passages to read and think about this week.

Psalms 46

Psalms 91

Daniel 3

Habakkuk 3:16-19

Mark 4:35-41