



*Pastor's Update*

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## **Do Not Be Afraid...**

The phrase “do not be afraid” or “do not fear” occurs numerous times throughout the Bible. Wherever it occurs, a reason is given for the injunction. Below is a list of thirty of these instances of the phrase “do not fear” with the Scripture references. Whether or not your soul is disquieted, I pray that God’s word will be a blessing to you. As Matthew Henry rightly observes, “It is the will of God that his people should not give way to prevailing fears, whatever happens.”

### **DO NOT FEAR...**

- ...I am your shield (Gen. 15:1).**
- ...God has heard (Gen. 21:17).**
- ...For I am with you (Gen. 26:24; Deut. 20:1; Isa. 43:2, 5; Jer. 1:8).**
- ...For I will make you a great nation (Gen. 46:3).**
- ...Stand firm and see the LORD’S salvation (Exod. 14:13).**
- ...For God has come in order to test you (Exod. 20:20).**
- ...The LORD is with us (Num. 14:9; 2 Chron. 20:17).**
- ...The LORD your God will fight for you (Deut. 1:29-30; 3:22).**
- ...Remember what the LORD your God did (Deut. 7:19).**
- ...The LORD will not fail you or forsake you (Deut. 31:6).**
- ...Peace to you (Judges 6:23; Dan. 10:19).**
- ...Those who are with us are more than those who are with them (2 Kg. 6:16)**
- ...For the battle is not yours, but the God’s (2 Chron. 20:15).**
- ...Remember the LORD who is great and awesome (Neh. 4:14).**
- ...God will come with vengeance (Isa. 35:4).**
- ...Here is your God (Isa. 40:9).**
- ...The LORD your God will help you (Isa. 41:13-14).**
- ...The LORD says, “You are mine” (Isa. 43:1).**
- ...For you will not be put to shame (Isa. 54:4).**
- ...I will save you from afar (Jer. 30:10).**
- ...Your words (i.e. prayers) were heard (Dan. 10:12).**
- ...Rejoice, for the LORD has done great things (Joel 2:21).**
- ...The LORD will exult over you with joy (Zeph. 3:16-17).**
- ...You are of more value than many sparrows (Matt. 10:31).**
- ...Only believe (Mk. 5:36; Lk. 8:50).**
- ...For your petition has been heard (Lk. 1:13).**
- ...For you have found favour with God (Lk. 1:30).**
- ...For I bring you good news of great joy (Lk. 2:10).**
- ...Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts (1 Pet. 3:14-15).**
- ...I am the First and the Last, and the Living One (Rev. 1:17-18).**

By God’s Grace and for His glory,  
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