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FEAR AND FAITH!

The difference between fear and faith has been noted as: "Fear says "what if" and Faith says "even if". This expression immediately brought to mind three men of faith: Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah who seem most often to be remembered by their Babylonian names of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (Daniel 1:6-7) These companions of Daniel were among those taken into Babylonian captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar and trained for service in his kingdom. After erecting the golden image to which everyone was to bow and worship at the sounding of many musical instruments or else face death in a fiery furnace (Daniel 3:5-6), these three companions of Daniel refused to do so. When provided a second opportunity to comply or face death (Daniel 3:13-15) we read. . .

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.'" (Daniel 3:16-18 ESV)

They had faith in God's ability to deliver them, which God did do. However, their faith and faithfulness to God was expressed in terms of not "what if", but truly "even if" they were not delivered they would not worship the image. Fear of a fiery furnace did not undermine their faith in God!

Drawing from the psalms, the writer of Hebrews stated, "So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6 ESV) [cited from Psalm 118:6 and 56:11] Was that not the confidence of these three men? Though humanity may threaten our life, they have no control over the destiny of our soul. At the hands of others, we may suffer, but in the hands of God we remain safe. Growing in faith we may not be fearless, but we will begin to fear less. Therefore, may our faith in God grow like that of Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah as it is not weakened by the "what ifs" of life, but remains steadfast facing the "even ifs" in acknowledging God's ability and power to sustain and ultimately deliver us into His eternal presence!

Have a great day DEVELOPING A GODLY FAITH THAT DISPELS LIFE'S FEARS!

- Carl Hanson

*Just a
thought...*

*"Worry is just a down payment
for a problem
that may never happen."*

- Spirit 105.3

Our Prayer List

- Bonnie found out last week that her brother Jim, who lives in New Jersey, passed away. He went to sleep in his chair and never woke up. Please lift up his wife Ailsa, their son James and his family in your prayers. Ailsa is quite physically limited due to her illnesses and Jim was her care giver. Pray also for her brothers Bruce and Neil. They are the last three of 10 siblings.
- Prayers requested for Roger Taylor who will be having a CT scan on the side of his throat.
- Brooke Armenta is having issues with high blood pressure, having blurred vision, dizziness and headache. Please pray the medical staff will be able to provide her the relief she needs.
- Congratulations to Zach and Brooke Armenta on the birth of their new little boy (yet to be named) who was born January 16th. He weighed 6lbs 5 oz.
- Update: Dale Sanders will be having an MRI on his back. Also, pray for his safe travel to appointments as they have very icy roads and school is closed.
- Praise that Pam Woodrow is doing well with her new knee replacement.
- Pray for Kathy Grace and the concerns she has and anxiousness.
- Peggy Hall's mother is recovering from surgery for her broken hip. Pray for her recovery.
- Continue to pray for Daniel (the Fry's grandson) who has a brain tumor.
- Pray for Deja Cormier who had surgery to place a stint in her brain to relive pressure from the IIH.
- Pray for Derke Peterson who has stage 4 cancer.
- Theresa Scott has stage 4 cancer and was told it is terminal. She will begin radiation soon.
- Praise for all the new baptisms and also for those who have chosen to be clean and /or clean and sober.
- Pray for the ministry of Cisco and Heather Velez family outreach with the Mercy Mobile.
- Pray for our leadership team, all of our ministries.
- Pray for Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – both physical and spiritual.



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
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Sunday Worship for February 5, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion) Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snynn	Communion: Jim Snead	Offering: Wayne Hammock
Note: The Tuesday Ladies Prayer group meeting at LaDonna's home is now meeting on Thursdays 10 a.m. Still meeting at LaDonna's.					
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium Brad Orser - Review			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Ephesians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer group LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			February 5, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,669.50		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
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Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

February: Christopher Hill – 7, Terri (Hall) Wallon – 9, Zari Keagle – 9, DeLoris Lawler – 9, Keith (Fuzzy) Volpitta – 12, Rachel Karn – 18, Jason Hall – 20.

March: Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor - 31

Perfectly Loved

Verse 1

Who said that you weren't beautiful
And that you didn't belong in your own skin
Who said that you were all alone
And that you're never gonna find love again
So many little words so many little lies
That have followed you all of your life
Looking for the truth look into your eyes
And you'll see its been there the whole time

Chorus

Even when you were running
Even when you were hiding
Never been a moment
That you were not perfectly loved
When you barely believed it
When your eyes couldn't see it
Every single moment
You've always been perfectly loved

Interlude

Perfectly loved
You've always been perfectly

Verse 2

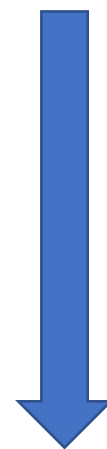
In the hands of the Infinite
As the wounds of the world became His
See the kindness Heaven has for you
And how He's always been drawing you in
So many open doors so many miracles
That have followed you all of your life
Looking for the truth look into your eyes
And you'll see its been there the whole time
Interlude
Perfectly loved

Bridge

You're not a problem
You're not a mistake
Don't need fixing or solving
In the arms of His grace
You're perfectly human
Made from the dust
You've got a heart
Broken and scarred
Yet perfectly loved

Ending

Perfectly loved
You've always been perfectly loved
Perfectly loved
You will always be perfectly loved



<https://youtu.be/WfUkEgG5rEk>

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