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Title: Fear doesn't stand a chance

Ice Breaker.

If you were to go on vacation would you rather go somewhere new or somewhere old?

Summary.

Right now, if you turn on any news/media you'll probably hear about the Coronavirus. COVID-19. He talked about being in the hospital walking in and out every tv had some sort of new and/or mentioning of the virus. Headlines like, "the end or the world, Covid-19." Or things like, "will the coronavirus ruin international economies?" Jon shared how the messaging and general spirit of the information surrounding the disease are sending people into panic and settling into fear.

Fear, as we know from scripture, is not of God. Perfect love casts out all fear. God is love and thereby living in fear of this virus is not God's plan in your life. Is it legitimate to say that there is a danger due to the virus? (Which by the way NorthGate has and will continue to take extra measures keep our environments extra clean) Yes, but we shouldn't live with a spirit of fear.

Jon also talked about how God will always use all things together for the good of those who love him. Enter Nathan Warner. For the last 18 months, life has been hard after the company he was working for went under. There were many times where they weren't sure where the next month's mortgage payment would come from, but it always came. In a season of particular lowness and disappointment when fear was crouching at the door, Nathan reluctantly went to yet another job fair. Long story short, he ran into his old boss. After a quick conversation, his old boss realized he needs Nathan to complete a project that seemed unsolvable at the time. Jon used this story to illustrate that there are legitimate things to be afraid of, but God is always with us and makes a way.

Discussion Points

- 1) What are you afraid of?
- 2) How would you explain the difference between a spirit of fear and acknowledging that there are things to be "afraid of?"
- 3) Do you fear death? Or does it excite you?
- 4) When you are experiencing fear how do you overcome it?
- 5) Is there something currently that you would like to receive prayer/ministry from the group to help you with your fear?

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