



AN “AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE”
of First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas
Sunday, April 26, 2020

AHWE

Dear Church Family, I hope you are finding these “At Home Worship Experience” helpful and that you are actually using them each week as a tool to help you establish a worship time in your home with your family. For years we (Nancy and I) had a time of family devotions in our home regularly, especially when our children were younger. But as you may know, as our children grow up and life gets hectic and busy those times of coming together for devotion can get pushed aside. We are constantly feeling the pull back to God and His Word in our homes and with our families. Some have even suggested that there is nothing more important for the health of the home than maintaining secret and private devotions in the home. It has been my prayer that during these times that we are confined to home these “At Home Worship Experience” guides may be an inspiration to revive the family devotional time. I pray it might be so! Hang in there and keep on worshipping in your home. Blessing to you and your family, Bro. Buddy

*This “At Home Worship Experience” is provided by First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas to be used in the home during this time of home confinement due to the threat imposed by the Coronavirus. During this time when we are unable to meet together we can still do church in our homes and worship our God who is still on the throne, and is worthy of all worship, honour, and praise. This worship experience tool can be used any time you want, but we are encouraging you to go through this worship experience on **Sunday morning, April 26 at 10:45 a.m.** (our regular worship time). This way we can all be worshipping together, at the same time. Follow the provided order of service as closely as possible, but please feel free to adapt the service to what best fits your family and guests that may be worshipping with you.*

Opening Prayer – Have someone lead in an opening prayer!

Call to Worship – Scripture Reading: Psalm 56

Have someone read this passage as a call to worship. Ask the following questions:

- (1) What are the possible fears expressed in this Psalm?*
- (2) What, do you think, makes these fears so pronounced and profound for the writer of this Psalm? Are they real fears? Explain.*
- (3) What does the Psalmist indicate is the answer/help for fear? Explain and discuss*

Just for Fun – Try This Exercise

*This project may be fun for the whole family. On the next page is a picture (Don’t look yet!). Have each person look at the picture and tell you what they saw or noticed first in the picture. Interestingly, this picture has been use by some psychologist and counsellors to determine what a persons fears really are. NOTE: This is just for fun. The use of it here is not an endorsement of it’s accuracy or that it is a reliable source of identifying fears. **This is simply a psychological personality test sometimes used to determine the deepest subconscious fears of a person and may nor not be an accurate instrument for determining fears.***

What do you see first when you look at picture below?



Again, this is a psychological personality test sometimes used to seek to determine what an individual's deepest subconscious fears may be. The following are some indicators what the test may reveal depending on what you saw first when you looked at the picture.

This is what it means if you saw the CATERPILLAR first:

You may have a subconscious fear of the unknown, of spirits or ghosts, or of the supernatural. You may also have fear of paralysis and may have experienced that before. You may also fear falling asleep after a scary movie more than usual. This fear may cause you to be a bit more cynical and disbelieving questioning of things that you can't immediately rationalize in your own mind, you may have a harder time with accepting things on faith and belief. This could make you a bit more sceptical of others and more distrusting of the sincerity of those around you, and questioning motives.

This is what it means if you saw the BUTTERFLY first:

You might have a subconscious fear of betrayal. You could be that person who got crossed more times than you would have liked, maybe have been cheated on or back-stabbed by a friend. You might hide this weakness well but sometimes, not so much. This fear may affect relationships and trust issues with others, with making your feeling truly known, and perhaps even hold you back from having relationships with others.

This is what it means if you saw the KNIFE first:

You may have a subconscious fear of terminal illness, of sickness, disease or health issues. You may fear having a terminal illness unknowingly and you also fear suffering. You may worry about dying at any moment. This fear may prohibit you from really living. from enjoying life and experiencing fulfilment in life. It may lead one to issues with "Hypochondria" (fear of getting sick). This fear can affect all avenues of life including relationships with others, socialization issues, and just a general enjoyment of living one's life.

This is what it means if you saw the APPLE first:

This is an interesting one. Your subconscious fear may be death. This one isn't about you though, it's the ones you love... you fear losing those around you. This fear may begin to grip you after you have lost someone close to you. All-in-all, you can't handle losing someone else. This fear may cause separation anxieties, or a fear of being away/separated from family and or friends. It may create an extreme dysfunction in that a person may become unhealthy clingy and attached, and smothering in relationships.

Something to Think About – Discuss and Share:

Fear is a very real and prevalent emotion, and it can have grave and extreme effects on the life of a person. And for a believer/Christian it can have a particularly profound impact. It can literally

stifle and take control of one's faith. One famous preacher of old stated this about fear's relationship to faith. Have someone read the following quote:

"Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable."

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.

Let's break that quote down and apply what it is saying to our own lives. Assign a pair of "fear vs faith" statements from Fosdick's statement to each member of your group and allow them explain what they think those statements mean to them:

Assignment 1: How does fear imprison?

How does faith liberate?

Assignment 2: How does fear paralyze?

How does faith empower?

Assignment 3: How does fear dishearten?

How does faith encourage?

Assignment 4: How does fear sicken?

How does faith heal?

Assignment 5: How does fear make useless?

How does faith make serviceable?

Scripture to Read: Isaiah 41:10 *have someone read this passage

¹⁰ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. What is the promise of this Scripture and how does it help us with our fear? State the promise given in this verse concerning fear!

Sing this Hymn – "Have Faith In God" *Sing the following hymn or just read and meditate on the lyrics if you prefer. You may want to have someone in your group read one verse at a time and then discuss each verse.

*Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely. He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of His children; have faith in God, have faith in God.*

*Have faith in God, He's on His throne, have faith in God, He watches over His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail, have faith in God, Have faith in God.*

*Have faith in God when your prayers are unanswered, your earnest plea He will never forget;
Wait on the lord, trust His word and be patient, have faith in God. He'll answer yet.*

*Have faith in God, He's on His throne, have faith in God, He watches over His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail, have faith in God, Have faith in God.*

*Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow, His heart is touched with your grief and despair;
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him, and leave them there, oh, leave them there.*

*Have faith in God, He's on His throne, have faith in God, He watches over His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail, have faith in God, Have faith in God.*

*Have faith in God though all else fall about you; have faith in God, He provides for His own:
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish. He rules. He reigns upon His throne.*

*Have faith in God, He's on His throne, have faith in God, He watches over His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail, have faith in God, Have faith in God.*

Sing this Chorus – "There Is None Like You"

There is none like You

No one else can touch my heart like You do

I could search For all eternity long

And find There is none like You

Think on This:

Pastor, Rick Warren said, "Fear is a self imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be. You must move against it with the weapons of faith and love."

- (1) How do you move against fear in your life?
- (2) Warren mentioned two things that help us move against fear, faith and love, how do these help us move against fear?
- (3) How are faith and love like weapons that fight against fear? Explain!

The Bible says in 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

- (1) What is "perfect love" and how does it cast out or help with fear?
- (2) What does "fear" do to us, in us according to John?
- (3) What are we missing when "fear" is dominating us and what does this mean?

Read These Lyrics – "Not Today" by Hillsong *This is a song that I have been loving lately. Read it carefully, the message is particularly pertinent for our day

Trouble won't throw me, won't break me, won't scare me! No more!
Fear must have thought I was faithless when it came for my heart
'Cause I got a song that will never die, I know Your love is the reason why
I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise
I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your Name
Let the devil know not today

Tell me did the enemy panic as You took up that cross
Tell me did the darkness cry mercy as You rolled back that rock
'Cause I know Your life is the life in mine, I know Your love is the reason why
I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise
I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your Name
Let the devil know not today

Not now... not ever again. Your love stood down death, crushed the devil's head
Fear is just a liar running out of breath. The fight beneath Your feet
I'm standing on Jesus' Name, so let the devil know not today
Not now, not ever again Jesus, let the devil know not today, not today, not today
I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise
I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your Name Jesus
Let the devil know not today

SERMON TIME: Consider watching together the pastor's message YouTube video on the front page of the website: www.firstbaptistbuda.com You may also watch the message on our church Facebook page.

Closing Prayer & Song - "Family of God"

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I'm part of the family, the family of God."

SPECIAL NOTE: This "At Home Worship Experience" is for week 5 (4/26/20). As we continue to be unable to meet we will provide further "At Home Worship Experience" material for you and your family to use at home to worship together. These will be available on our website www.firstbaptistbuda.com Locate the green house "At Home Worship Experience" icon on the front page of our website and simply click there. You may download and print the material for the appropriate date or use it directly from the site. For more information or if you have questions contact our church office.