



Gospel Centered COMMUNITY North Fork Christian Center

The Title: Exchange Fear For Joy

The Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

The Point: The Resurrection Allows Us To Leave Fear Behind Us As We Choose Joy

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

1. EXCHANGE FEAR FOR BELIEF

Matthew 28:1-6

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “**Do not be afraid**, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ **He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.** Come, see the place where he lay.

2. EXCHANGE FEAR FOR JOY

Matthew 28:7-8

⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that **he has risen from the dead**, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb **with fear and great joy**, and ran to tell his disciples.

3. EXCHANGE FEAR FOR OBEDIENCE

Matthew 28:9-10

⁹ And behold, **Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”** And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “**Do not be afraid**; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

1. How will you respond in faith to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?
2. How can we help each other turn fear into belief, joy and obedience because of the empty tomb?
3. How can we address the fear of death in the world, with the good news of our resurrected Savior?

