



# Guardians of Faith

*Over Coming Fear to Calm Our Spirit*



**FEAR**



**Be Still and Know that I am God**



**The Bible addresses negative fear 500 times**



**Specifically, it tells us to  
“Fear Not” or “Don't be afraid” 103 times**



# Easter

It's about new beginnings



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It's about new life



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# Easter Started with Fear

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:2-4



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# Easter Started with Fear

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"



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**Luke 24:1-5**



# Easter Started with Fear

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:19



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# Easter

No Hope Reaction to Fear



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# Sorrow

John 20:11-15



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# Disbelief

Luke 24:9-11



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# Frustration

Luke 24:13-18



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# The Testimony

“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition,



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# The Testimony

some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

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# Frustration

They had hoped



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# Frustration

They had hoped

They had heard  
the testimony



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# Frustration

They had hoped

They had heard  
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They did not see



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# Easter Hope



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# Jesus is Alive -- Sorrow to Excited

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:16-18



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# Jesus is Alive -- Disbelief to Acceptance

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:20



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# Jesus is Alive -- Frustrated to Encouraged

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They

asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven



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# **Jesus is Alive -- Frustrated to Encouraged**

and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

**Luke 24:30-35**



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# Jesus is Alive Afraid to Bold

Acts 4:27-31



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**Hopeless**



**Timid Rabbit**

**Hopeful**



**Bold Bunny**