Lord's Supper 3/7/2020 He Knows Fear in Edward Rangel

Pre-Service Loop

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Warm-up

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Service

16 slides in 11 items

He Knows Fear



Fear is a strong emotion.

Fear can overpower love, stymie growth, hold back advancement, and cloud the mind.

Everyone has been afraid:

before a school test

anxiety in meeting future in-laws

heart-racing while waiting in the hospital for the surgeon to come out with good news

Illustration of an accident in Bessemer, man all alone

Many times we are surrounded by our friends and family to comfort us, other times we are all alone.

Whatever the case may be, fear is a terrible feeling.

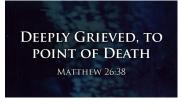
Jesus understands that emotion. He experienced it and taught us how to deal with it.

Matthew 26:36-39

36 Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Matthew 26:36–39

Deeply Grieved



Jonah was motivated to say the same thing, but with a different emotion and for a different reason:

Jonah 4:9 -anger, and his personal comfort

Jesus was motivated out of fear and love.

Deeply Grieved



Leaned on His Friends



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Not perfect men, they had their own weaknesses.

Jesus needed them to be with him, even if from a distance. He needed to feel their presence.

They no doubt watched for a while, but it was late, they too had been through mental anguish and torture. Their bodies and minds were tired. They were confused.

The best of intentions from the best friends were appreciated by Jesus.

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Disciples needed to pray for themselves, they were asked to watch for themselves, but also for Jesus. For Jesus' strength, for Him to finish His mission.

Jesus dropped to His knees and fervently prayed to His Father and for the second recorded time pours out His soul with "Abba, Father."

Surrounding ourselves with friends and prayer when we are afraid will make the burden easier. It is good to bear each others' burdens.

Fear does not mean a lack of faith



Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15–16

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So what is the point today? We should understand that fear does not necessarily indicate a lack of faith.

Jesus goes on to express to the Father His faith in Him and in the Father's plan for Jesus. At the same time, Jesus did not want to endure the horrors He knew were coming, any more than you or I would.

And that kind of fear is not a sin.

Actually, Jesus's fear should provide comfort to us when we too are facing a dark situation and we find ourselves afraid.

That's just one of the ways that Jesus is able to, as Hebrews says, "empathize with our weaknesses."

There is so much involved in remembering what Jesus did for us, and there are a multitude of lessons to be learned from it.

Right now though, take at least a moment to be grateful that, whatever you are struggling with, Jesus understands.

Post-Service Loop

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