

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

Matthew 6:19-25

Lesson #2

Misplaced Faith

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*We know that we are not living
within God's plan for us when -*

we don't have peace



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Some signs of NO SHALOM



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Anxiety



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**Change requires risk, which
invites anxiety and fear.**

Managing fear demands faith.

**People who do not manage
their anxieties and fears
will resist the risks
of faith in following
man or God.**



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**Leaders who do not respect
people's fears and help
them manage them
will have a hard
time leading.**



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- ✓ The disciples were about to have their **expectations** crushed by the Roman gov.
- ✓ All but one of the disciples would die as **martyrs** in the hands of that government.
- ✓ After Pentecost, the Apostles would **remind** the church of the words of Jesus.

30 AD



John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

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Biblical “peace”

Social peace

What Christ does THROUGH us as his church.

Inner peace

What Christ does IN us through his Spirit.

Legal peace

What Christ has done FOR us at the Cross.

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Strategies for managing fear

Manage the fear from the outside

Desensitizing a person to the triggers.

(controlled exposer)

Manage the fear from the inside

Rehabilitating a person's hopes and faith.

(spiritual mind renewal)

Exorcise the spirit of fear

Dramatic intervention through prayer.

(deliverance ministry)

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Anxiety

Ps.94:19
The causes

- False **Expectations**
- Narrow **Perspectives**
- Feeling **Isolated**



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Psalms 94:19

“When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,

your consolations delight my soul.”

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Consolations that delight my soul

- **Expectations** - It's about God's image not mine.
- **Perspective** - It's about the breadth of my vision.
- **Isolation** - It's about knowing that I am not alone.



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Matt.6:19-25
What not to do

- Lead with the heart
- Trust God for the wrong things
- Try to have it both ways

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Remember the Spiritual issue is:

✓ **Fear is about expectation -**

Hope

✓ **Fear is about isolation -**

Love

✓ **Fear is about courage -**

Faith

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Building a fear killing faith.

**WHAT NOT
TO DO.**



Matt.6

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Mistake #1

Leading with our heart

**rather than
our choices.**



Matthew 6

“¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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If it can decay
or be taken away
it is a false treasure
that inevitably
invites




FEAR

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A heart full of fear will lead
us to make defensive
decisions.

If we are led
by Godly hope & faith
our hearts will follow.



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Vision - seeing the big picture.

Commitment - making
a choice.

Investment - getting
skin in the game.


Passion - watch
your heart follow your
treasure.



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Mistake #2
Working hard and / or
trusting God

**but for the
wrong thing.**




Matthew 6

“²² The lamp of the body is the eye; if
therefore your eye is clear, your whole body
will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad,
your whole body will be full of darkness. If
therefore the light that is in you is darkness,
how great is the darkness!”

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James 4:3-4

“³ You ask and do not receive, because
you ask with wrong motives, so that you
may spend it on your pleasures. ⁴ You
adulteresses, do you not know that
friendship with the world is hostility
toward God?”

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The problem is not
our lack of faith.

It is that our faith is
IN something other than God
and / or
FOR something other than
His kingdom.

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Mistake #3
Believing that we
can have it
both ways.



Matthew 6

“²⁴ No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ²⁵ For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?” ²⁴

**Serving two masters
will double your anxiety
not your security.**

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**Fear grows with false
expectations
therefore clear vision and
hope are vital.**

**“the lamp of the body
is the eye”**

Matthew 6:22

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**Godly character responds
to anxiety with:**



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Worrying

**does not take away
tomorrow's troubles;
it just takes away
today's peace.**

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Take home

- ✓ Take your baptism seriously and invest your life in things that can't be taken away.
- ✓ When anxious, ask if you are trying to have it both ways.
- ✓ Work hard, trust God and fear not.

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