

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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The Chosen called "Beyond Mountains". Of course the biggest surprise was in the last minutes of the episode when we finally met Judas!

The last half of this episode was centered mostly on preparing for the big sermon. We noted that the Disciples were all nervous and worried about making mistakes while Jesus was calm and at peace. We talked about how Jesus knew God's plan for Him so He could be at peace regardless of whatever happens around Him. We said we can also live in that same peace by our faith in God's plan for us.

We then talked about Jesus' introduction to His sermon which we now know as The Beatitudes (The Blessings). He started by listing various groups of people who He says are blessed. We said the word used for blessed is the Greek word Makarios.

We said that Makarios is not something that we get (to bless someone) but rather who we are (spiritually). It describes a state of being or inner quality of those who belong to the Kingdom of Heaven. This state of being is one of Joy, Happiness, blissfulness, and being at peace.

The groups of people He describes are at peace despite their circumstances or what's going on around them because they know Jesus.

Jesus tells Matthew it is a "map" because those are the people you should look for when you want to find Him.

We talked about how we bring others to Jesus, not by shouting scripture at them or warnings of punishments that will happen to them if they don't repent, but by showing them what a true Christ follower really is.

When your circumstances would logically make others lash out in anger or hide in fear and you do not or when you are able to forgive and to love those who hate you or hurt you and live in peace despite what they did, people will see the love of God through your actions.

We said with all the dozens of other preachers around in the 1st Century, why did people follow Jesus? What made Jesus different? His state of being. Jesus was blessed (Makarios) and He shared God's love rather than condemnation or punishment.

When you show God's love and compassion, living a truly blessed life, people will notice a difference and they will naturally want to know more about how they too can live the same way. That's when you get to share the Good News with them.

Join us this Sunday at 9:30 for Faith over Fear

Upcoming Events



First Friday Movie Night Series

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Join us on the first Friday of each month through the Summer at 6:30pm on August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, and November 4th We'll be showing two episodes each night to complete the whole series!

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