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Week 1 of series: Faith not Fear
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**Suggested Resources**
Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, by recommending them, we are not giving a blanket endorsement to the author or every sentence you’ll read. The only perfect person is Jesus and the only perfect book is the Bible so as you read these, practice discernment. In other words, “chew the meat and spit out the bones.”

- Max Lucado - *Anxious for Nothing*
- Nick Foles - *Believe It: My Journey of Success, Failure, and Overcoming the Odds*
- Stormie Omartian - *The Power of Prayer Through Fear*
- Max Lucado - *Fearless*

**“Beth’s Picks” (our Worship Director’s favorite worship albums)**
- Vineyard Worship - *All My Love (Live from The Cause to Live For 2016)*
- Vineyard Worship (Anchor Sessions) - *Kyrie Eleison*
- Miami Vineyard - Live
- Pat Barrett - *Pat Barrett*
- Hillsong Worship - *There is More*
- Will Reagan and United Pursuit—*Live in Baltimore*

**Suggested Bibles**
We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

- **Quest Study Bible**
  “The Question and Answer Bible.”

- **CSB Study Bible**
The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

- **Teen Life Application Study Bible**
  includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the Choices, I Wonder, Ultimate Issues, and My Story features.

- **Kids Quest Study Bible**
  contains over 500 questions that kids ask, “Quest Challenges” to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus… be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan… as well as a FREE Bible!

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Notes:

Key Passage:
Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]. - Philippians 4:6-7 (AMP)

Digging Deeper Questions
In our fast-paced culture, it’s easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message “stick” we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker #1. Think of something where you had to push through fear in order to do it. Maybe it was skydiving, going on a mission trip, asking someone to prom, joining a volunteer team or small group at the church, quitting a job to pursue a new career, or something else altogether. Have fun with this question!

2. Icebreaker #2. Prior to Sunday, what did you know about “human trafficking”? How aware were you that January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the United States?

3. Is there anything you heard in today’s sermon or experienced in the service that was an “A HA!” moment, something significant for you?

4. What are some things that you (or people in general) tend to have fear or anxiety about, things going on in your life or things going on in the world?

5. Read Philippians 4:4-8, preferably in the Amplified Bible translation.
   • What words or phrases stood out to you the most?
   • How does your understanding of this passage change when you realize the Apostle Paul penned those words in jail awaiting possible execution?

6. Read Philippians 4:6. In Anxious for Nothing, Max Lucado writes: “It’s enough to wonder if the apostle Paul was out of touch with reality when he wrote, ‘Be anxious for nothing.’ ‘Be anxious for less’ would have been a sufficient challenge. Or ‘Be anxious only on Thursdays.’ Or ‘Be anxious only in seasons of severe affliction.’ But Paul doesn’t seem to offer any leeway here. Be anxious for nothing. Nada. Zilch. Zero.” What are your thoughts on this?

7. What are your thoughts and feelings about the following facts shared in the sermon:
   • The most highlighted passage on a Kindle is Philippians 4:6-7.
   • “Fear Not” is the most repeated command in the Bible.
   • In the 4 gospels Jesus gives 125 commands. The most common command (given 21 times) is about “fear” (e.g., “do not be afraid” or “do not fear”). The second most common command — to love God and neighbor — appears just 8 times.
   • The average child today exhibits the same level of anxiety as the average psychiatric patient in the 1950s.

8. Read John 10:10. What are some things you would do to “live life to the full” if faith, not fear, ruled your thoughts and actions? Where would you go? What risks would you take? What “fun” would you have? What gift would you give? What words would you say to your loved ones? Brainstorm a list of 10 things, and don’t feel the need to hyper-spiritualize this list by only including things that are God-centered.