Do Not Be Afraid!

Scriptures

- **Psalm 23:4**
  
  Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- **Hebrews 2:14-15**
  
  Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

- **John 10:10**
  
  The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

- **Psalm 111:10**
  
  The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

- **Luke 12:32**
  
  Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

- **1 John 4:18**
  
  There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

Other Scriptures

- **Revelation 4:6, 15:2**

Main Points

- Father wants us to trample down fear!

- The root of many fears is death
  - The fear of death is ultimately the fear of being out of control

- If we can trust God with death, then we can trust Him with anything that happens in this life
Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the importance of overcoming the root fears of death, unknown, and harm at death.

2. Discuss the intricacies of 1 John 4:18 and why love casts out fear. Give examples of how you chose love instead of fear and experienced God in a new way.

3. How does John 10:10 fit in to the discussion of overcoming fear?

4. Describe how fear will get in the way of having peace. Then, proclaim your victory over fear by surrendering any and all fears to God and choosing to walk closer to Him.