

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 7.1: Fear

JOURNEY

WITNESSES

► SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:54-61

SUMMARY:

Fear is an extremely powerful emotion that can overcome and paralyze us. And fear can hinder us from being witnesses. Peter was one of Jesus' disciples and closest friends, but came face-to-face not only with his fear, but with the power fear had over him. Naturally, Peter would have been afraid of the horror of crucifixion. When we read about Peter in the book of Acts, he is out fearlessly proclaiming the gospel.

What happened? What caused such a drastic change in Peter? The resurrection. When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered death once and for all. The Bible guarantees that we will suffer for the sake of the gospel. Jesus suffered. The disciples suffered. Christians throughout the world continue to suffer for the sake of the gospel. But we should not fear. Jesus defeated sin and death when He rose from the dead. Death is not final.

► DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- What risks do you face for living for Christ?
- What kinds of things do you fear?
- What do you do to encourage yourself in the face of fear?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

► CORE VERSE

Proverbs 29:25

► CORE CONCEPTS

We have no reason to fear going where God has called us to go.

Denial: A refusal to accept a truth or reality in order to avoid a negative feeling or action