

Peace Evangelical Church

May 24, 2020

Today's Service
Speaker Alistair Milne

May 31, 2020

Next Sunday's Service
Missionary Conference
Speaker Pablo Seguel

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Note: English Sunday's sermon services at 10:00 am will be broadcast live online beginning at the corresponding times.

Living Free from Fear

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7

At one point during World War II, General George Patton met with a high-ranking allied official in Sicily. The man praised Patton for his courage and bravery. But Patton told him, "Sir, I am not a brave man... I have never been within the sound of gunshot or in sight of battle in my whole life that I wasn't so scared that I had sweat in the palms of my hands."

Years later in his autobiography, General Patton revealed the secret to his bravery. He wrote, "I have learned early in my life never to take counsel of my fears."

It's astonishing just how much fear influences our daily decisions. Think about it. How many decisions do you make daily based on a negative event in the future that may or may not come to pass? And then, how many of those fears actually materialize? So how can we diagnose fear when we see it? By looking at its source. Fear comes from either a lack of trust in God's power, or a belief that He doesn't have your best interest at heart. When you fall into one of those mindsets, you're operating in fear, not trust.

As believers, we can overcome our fears in any situation by asking the simple question, "What would I do here if I fully trusted God's power and goodness?" When we answer that and take action on it, we'll be well on our way to operating free from fear!

Prayer Challenge

Pray that God would expose areas of your life where you're operating in fear, rather than trust in Him.

Questions for Thought

As you think about today's devotional, what areas of your life come to mind where you've been operating in fear rather than trust?

How might your daily decisions look differently if you fully trusted God's power and goodness?

Church News

- Due to the rampant coronavirus pandemic, the church has halted all in-person gatherings. Sunday sermons have been changed to live webcasts through a link on www.pec.bc.ca until further notice. Please join in on schedule. Our various prayer meetings, fellowships, and Bible study classes are also being conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. With these arrangements, may God cause us to be connected and built up spiritually. In the interim, please pay close attention to the church news in our weekly digital bulletin.
- Since the church has to suspend all physical gatherings and can only provide live-streaming of sermons on Sundays because of the current situation, for the communion service that we have always highly-valued, the elders and co-workers are making the following proposals and recommendations after discussion:
 - We encourage baptized members to hold communion services at their homes each week, led by a brother in the household.
 - Prior to the meeting, prepare the bread and the cup. The bread is unleavened bread, baked with flour and a sprinkling of salt and oil. It signifies the body of Christ. The cup is grape juice, which symbolizes Christ shedding His blood in atonement for our sins.
 - In the event a family does not have a brother who can lead, please contact your fellowship leader or mentor. We can arrange to organize a small group communion service for you on Zoom, and members who are moved to do so will be able to participate in sharing at that time.
 - The communion service was established by the Lord and is a very somber gathering. It is necessary to prepare your heart and self-examine first before partaking in the Lord's bread and the Lord's cup. Whoever does not discern the body of Christ, eats and drinks judgment on himself.
 - Therefore, by remembering the Lord, we have a deeper understanding of His love, revitalize our own love for Him, meditate on our relationship with the Lord, and are cognizant of our own transgressions. May the love of Christ always inspire us and rekindle the fire in our hearts.
 - Please try to schedule these communion services for Sundays during the pandemic, whether at home or in online groups. As soon as the outbreak subsides and the church resumes physical gatherings, these online gatherings will immediately cease.
- English Congregation will be having a Missionary Conference at May 30-31, Saturday 30th @10:30am via Zoom, Speaker : Sister Connie PAN; And Sunday 31st @10:00am via Zoom, speaker: Brother Pablo Seguel, a missionary in Chile. Please mark your calendar to attend.
- Our Church encourage brothers & sisters read the bible and devotion daily, willing to obey God's word. Encourage mutual concern and care, and keeping vigilance for, being tolerant of, building up one another and His name be glorified.
- Below is last week's offering records, a tax receipt will be issued on or before the end of February of next Year.

Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
111876	200.00	CAJgvA8n	1,000.00	CAzv6DhQ	750.00	General	3,900.00
113095	200.00	CAr5Uf9C	1,500.00	CAnesx24	200.00	Caring Fund	200.00
PEC20200515	250.00						
			Total Amount	4,100.00			4,100.00

Prayer Items

- Please pray for our church's direction in 2020 and the theme of English Ministry for this year is "Next level with God". (Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverb 3:5-6 (NLT). May God use it and His name be glorified.
- Please continue to intercede in prayer for those members who are weak in flesh or spirit, by the mentioning of their names. May God heal and give strength to them so that they can find peace in the Lord, and may their loved ones have the fortitude to care for and sustain them so that all will gain the comfort of the Lord.
- Please pray for the English Missionary Conference at May 30-31, pray for the speakers and the coordination work for those meetings.
- Please remember the development of Missionary Department of our church. May brothers and sisters faithfully bear witness for God, bear abundant fruit of life and glorify His name. We would also pray for Truth Seeking class, may those attendees in the class can make up their mind to be converted and receiving this salvation grace, have a heart to search for the truth and willing to pay a price to follow God.
- Please pray for the growth of the English Congregation, may God bless and use the congregation to bring glory back to God. Also pray that they can experience God's almighty power and live out the abundant life of Christ. May the next generation of this church have the burden of spreading the gospel, to care for the spirit of others and have a passion to witness for the Lord.
- Please pray for the current political situation in Hong Kong and ask God to continue to control and grant peace to all the people. May God grant them wisdom, strength, concentricity, and faith to the churches in Hong Kong, and let them hold on to the truth of the Bible and make a good testimony to the Lord.
- Please pray for our church family adapt to the new life style during the epidemic prevention period, make adjustments so that couples can appreciate each other, the parents get the wisdom from God, communicate with their children with words of love and encouragement, and establish Christ is the Lord of my family.
- Please pray that the current novel coronavirus pandemic can be controlled quickly. Consider the difficult work of frontline medical staff and the leadership of various countries during this time, and pray to God for help in finding effective treatments and vaccines through the researchers as soon as possible. Let people recognize their own limitations with humility and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the church to be a witness for God during the pandemic and attract more people to the Lord. Pray that Christians locked-down in their homes can overcome the stress and demonstrate in their lives the faith, hope, love and peace of true disciples. And also pray that through the experience of online worships and prayer and fellowship meetings, the church can mature and evolve, focus more on the study and practice of Biblical truths, effectively preach the gospel, and love God and people in a different way.

New Offering Option: Interac e-Transfer

To provide another option for Brothers & Sisters with sending offerings to church, we have setup Interac e-Transfer to receive them electronically. Following are some guidelines:

1. Email to send offerings: offering@pec.bc.ca
2. We have setup Auto Deposit, so please ensure the amount on your instruction is correct before confirming the payment.
3. When adding the new Contact, you might be asked to create a security question and answer. Just do so arbitrarily as that will not be used eventually. Also please choose to notify Contact by email address (not mobile phone).
4. On the Message section, please indicate:
 - a) your legal name (for tax receipt)
 - b) your commonly known name
 - c) purpose of your offering:
 - i. General Offering
 - ii. Mission Fund
 - iii. Caring Fund
 - iv. Special Offering, please specify
 - d) If you'd like to offer different amounts for more than one purpose, please indicate in the message as well.

Example: TSO PO KI, Phyllis, \$50 General, \$60 Mission, \$70 Caring

5. The bank's transaction reference number (instead of the offering envelope number) will be used to track and record your offering, which you can check on the bulletin to confirm church has received it.
6. Church's bulletin will be posted on our website every Sunday, listing out offerings received during the previous week:
March 29 bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 16-22
April 5 bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 23-29, and so on.
7. In case further clarifications are required, we will contact the sender by email.

Reminders:

- i) This is an additional option but not the only option to make offerings. We are still accepting drop-offs at church (cash or cheque) and mail-ins (cheque only). For drop-offs, please call the church office (604) 231-9990 ahead of time before coming.
- ii) Some banks and/or account types might charge service fee to send e-Transfer.