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## Have no fear, Little Flock

I don't know what you call this thought process, but I find myself enjoying making lists of words that start with the same letter. So, since it is February, I am stuck on the letter F. Here is a part of my list: fair, first, flight, font, fight, flu, faint, feeling, forever, friend, from, forward, failing, falling, fix, **faith and fear**.



**FAITH AND FEAR** Ephesians 6 has a description of the armor we should use in our spiritual battles. The breastplate is faith. In Eph. 6:16 we read; ***In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*** In Roman days the shield, the one mentioned in Eph 6, probably was not the round trash can lid type, but likely a large shield, maybe 2' wide and 4' long, almost like a door. Canvas covered the wood, then a layer of leather, then reinforced with iron. This type of shield was able to cover the soldier when he was crouched down. Most importantly shields could ward off the flames arrows that were

flying by. Our enemy, the devil, fires flaming arrows at us, and the shield of faith can ward off these arrows. He looks for the smallest break in the shield and aims at that weak spot. And one of the biggest arrows that he sends is that of fear.

### FEAR NOT

When the night is dark and long, I will not fear.  
When I can't find work, I will not fear.  
When there has been a bad day at work, I will not fear.  
When I would like a different job, I will not fear.  
When disease attacks my body, I will not fear.  
When there is a fire storm, I will not fear.  
When the storm wind blows, I will not fear.  
When a loved one dies, I will not fear.  
When there is a threat of terrorism, I will not fear.  
When my monies run low, I will not fear.  
When I am all alone, I will not fear.  
When I am lost, I will not fear.

### FAITH

*Faith is acting like it is so, even when it is not so, so that it might be so, simply because God said so.* (Dr. Tony Evans). Flaming arrows are not sent to kill, but to distract. Linking our shields and standing together can help ward off distraction and fears. Lord, strengthen our faith.

Have no fear little flock  
Have no fear little flock.  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the kingdom  
Have no fear little flock.

Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock;  
For the Father will keep up  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer little flock.

**Christian Life Committee prays your Lenten time will lead to new discoveries of the love the Lord has for you.**

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### Fearful or Anxious -read these:

*Isaiah 41:10* ISAIAH 35:4  
Psalm 56:3 Joshua 1:9 Psalm 27:1  
2 Timothy 1:7 **Mark 6:50**  
Deuteronomy 31:8  
Psalm 118:6-7 Psalm 34:4  
Mark 5:36 John 14:27  
**PSALM 23:6**  
1 Peter 5:6-7 **Psalm 55:22**  
**Proverbs 29:25**  
**Revelation 1:17**

Praise Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above.

Thankful hearts raise to God  
Thankful hearts raise to God  
For he stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you.  
Thankful hearts raise to God.

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