

## Choose Faith Not Fear

**Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all. **2 Thessalonians 3:16 NLT**

### **1. Choose to see crisis as an opportunity to love one another.**

Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" **Matthew 22:38-39 NLT**

#### **Implement social distancing measures:**

- Consider offering video/audio of events.
- Cancel large gatherings (e.g., >250 people, though threshold is at the discretion of the community) or move to smaller groupings.
- from [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

### **2. No matter what comes your way, remember that God is still in control.**

"See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory." **Isaiah 12:2-3 NLT**

### **3. Avoid "sky is falling" people and media.**

"Then the officers will also say, 'Is anyone here afraid or worried? If you are, you may go home before you frighten anyone else.'" **Deuteronomy 20:8 NLT**

### **4. Practice action faith towards your fear.**

Faith without works is dead... **James 2:26 NAS**

Faith that does nothing is dead... **James 2:26 NCV**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20 NIV**

**Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New Living Translation, New International Version, New American Standard 1995 edition. New Century Version.**