

Our Needs: Security

Security - Freedom from risk or danger; safety. Freedom from doubt, anxiety, or fear; confidence. Something that gives or assures safety

4 areas we need security

- Physical security – A safe place to exist.
- Emotional security – A safe space to express.
- Financial security – No insecurities over food or shelter or future.
- Spiritual or Eternal security – Assuredness in your salvation and eternal home.

Feeling secure in these areas helps us to be more vulnerable, take risks, and just live without fear.

Not feeling secure leads to fear.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- Paul had laid hands on Timothy and anointed him to teach and to preach. He would be a pastor. But Timothy must have felt timid for Paul to write this.

All people will feel insecure at different times. The purpose of this is not to ever create a situation where we will feel insecure, but rather that when those situations arise, our first instinct is to run to the Father, not run anywhere else.

Physical Security

This is a tricky one.

Daniel 3:15-18 Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to

deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Daniel 3:28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

- So God can save people from danger or life-threatening situations.
- But even Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego did not know if He would.
- Yet, they maintained confidence in God. Why? They knew of something better to come.

Acts 7:55-60 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

- We clearly see that Stephen knew of something better than the physical here.

Jesus had something to say about that

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Let's come back to this because it ties into Emotional Security pretty heavily.

Emotional Security

This is a huge topic, so this will just be an overview.

We need to feel secure emotionally in order to be vulnerable with other people, and to allow others to truly see us for who we really are.

We need to feel like we are not being judged, and that we are accepted for who we are, as we are. With that said, I will refer you to last week's message on acceptance and worth because that plays such an important part in feeling emotionally secure.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

- Jesus is giving some fairly terrifying information to His disciples. This is how He ends it.
- Jesus is our peace.

What do these verses have in common?

- **Isaiah 26:3** You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.
- **John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- **Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

All these verses and so many more show that our peace can only come from God. When we trust in Him, we will have emotional security.

But if physical security is a need, and emotional security is a need, do we just disregard physical attacks on us? What about traumatic events like robberies, muggings, rape, etc...?

Many traumatic events play havoc on both our physical and emotional security

Jesus heals trauma! Luke 24:13-33 shows the process of God healing trauma.

This is the road to Emmaus. Two disciples are reeling from the violent death of their teacher, master and friend. They gave up their lives for Him, and He was just crucified. They are in despair.

Jesus comes to them. He allows them to explain why they are so despondent. They have no hope.

Then, Jesus begins to explain what really happened. And Jesus' explanation of what really happened is far different from what they explained as what really happened. Jesus speaks from a spiritual point of view, they from a worldly point of view. And then Jesus reveals where He is. He eats with them and shows Himself to them, in the midst of that situation.

Now they are excited. Their hearts burn within them. Hope is restored and they are healed. No trauma – hope in God.

This is a picture of how we deal with physical security infringements. We have the confidence and attitude of Shadrach, Meshack and Abed-Nego, and if we do encounter sufferings, we walk with Jesus like on the road to Emmaus.

Financial Security

If we try to meet all of our financial needs, we will likely fail at some point. We may not go destitute, but we will encounter fear. Story of vending machines.

When we try to be our own provider, we are actually assuming one of God's roles in our lives.

- **Philippians 4:19** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The main reason we get financially insecure is because money has control over us. Essentially, we can be a slave to money just as people can be slaves to sin.

- And it is really hard to see that you are enslaved when you are enslaved.
- Example of me getting freed from money.

So how do we live in a way that keeps us from enslavement?

- **Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."
- **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
- **We give with a cheerful heart. We develop a lifestyle of generosity**

This verse above all others shows us how to view finances:

- **Matthew 6:31-33** "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- When we live the Matthew 6 way, we will never feel insecure about our finances.

Eternal or Spiritual Security

2 questions that every believer asks at some point:

- How do I know I am saved?
- Can I lose that salvation?
- Or in other words, how can I know for sure that I have eternal security?

BELIEVE! We must choose to believe God's Word.

Salvation

- **Romans 10:9-13** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

After Salvation

- **Ephesians 1:13-14** In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

There is full and complete healing for anywhere that trauma has crept in.

But we can also help prevent suffering from leading to trauma by keeping our needs met by God.

And one by-product of having your needs met by God is that you are now positioned to be able to help others in their times of suffering.

Wounded people wound people.

Healed people heal people.