

Personal Application and Conversations

1. What do you do on a practical level with the fear that comes from having the news at your fingertips?
2. What does it mean to glorify God in everyday life?
3. We pray in Jesus' name, but what does it mean to ask in Jesus' name?
4. What does obedience to Christ look like on a daily basis? What did Jesus mean when he said "... do what I have been doing" and "...do even greater things than these"? (4:12) How do you live this principle?
5. What circumstances or personal responses lead you to experiencing either peace or feeling abandoned like an orphan? How have you been disappointed by the world? How is the Holy Spirit factoring into your peace?



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It seems there's a lot of which one can be afraid. Turn on the news media and there's death and destruction at every turn. Of course, “if it bleeds, it leads.” It's all about ratings and the “almighty dollar”. And then there are the real threats upon which those who should report are silent.

I saw this profound statement that stuck with me from the Gospel Coalition about the effects of social media and the availability of news at our fingertips: “Social media has this weird way of granting me the illusion of omniscience without the reality of omnipotence. In other words, it makes me aware of so much more than I'm able to do.”

So, what is the average person supposed to do amidst the fear and the chaos?

Cf., ***Galatians 5:22ff***

Glorify (13:31-33)

Love (13:34-38)

Do not let your hearts be troubled: Trust (14:1-14)

Obey (14:15-24)

Do not let your hearts be troubled: Peace (14:25-31)