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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP US BUILD OUR TCCO KIDS TEAM: We need and are looking for additional compassionate, dedicated leaders who have a heart for walking alongside kids as they grow in their relationship with Jesus and their understanding of His love! We also need people who have experience with or feel called to serve alongside some of our children who have extra support needs. Your presence can make such a powerful difference in helping these kids feel seen, valued and loved as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. As we launch our new curriculum, this is a perfect time to step in and help us serve! If you're interested, please scan the QR code, fill out the form, and our TCCO Kids Director Elaine (elaine@theconnecting.co) will be in touch with you. We would truly love to have you join our amazing team of TCCO KIDS Leaders!



JOHN 3:16 SERVING OPPORTUNITY: Join others from TCCO from 5:30-7:30pm on the 4th Friday of each month to serve dinner to the shelter guests with our local outreach partner John 3:16 Mission. All volunteers 16 & older are welcome, and students ages 12-15 can serve with a parent. The next serve opportunity is THIS Fri. 5/22! Contact Sarah Simpson to sign up to serve, or with any questions at outreach@theconnecting.co.

NO SUNDAY SERVICES on 5/24: On Memorial Day Weekend there will be no Sunday Services at TCCO. This is an opportunity for us to say THANK YOU to our Dream Team for serving week after week all year long and give them all a break. We also highly value the importance of time with family and friends. Please plan to use this time to be with your people and go be JESUS and THE CHURCH outside the 4 walls of our church building!

TCCO STUDENTS SUMMER HANGOUTS: All incoming 6th-12th graders and parents, be sure to follow TCCO Students on social media so you don't miss out on all the great opportunities we have planned for fun and connection this summer! Our 1st TCCO Students Summer Hangout will be @ Josh's Sno Shack in Jenks on Wed. 5/27 from 6:30-7:30pm. No registration needed; come and go as you can. Contact walter@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHT: Plan now to join us for a POWERFUL NIGHT of worship on Wed. 6/17 at 7pm; doors open at 6:45pm. Childcare will be available for children 5 & under by registration only; please use the QR code to register (for childcare only) no later than Sun. 6/14. Older TCCO Kids and all TCCO Students are invited and encouraged to attend the worship night with everyone; connect groups, friends, & families are encouraged to attend & worship together. Invite everyone you know to be a part of this incredibly special night with us!

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. 6/21, Father's Day, 9am & 11am

Wed. 6/24, TCCO Kids Summer Connect Event, 6:30-8:00pm



IN LIGHT OF THE END

“When Fear Leads To Life”

Travis Cherry



we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
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Ecclesiastes 7:11–19; 12:13; 11:6
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- ◆ You should fear certain things, not because fear is weakness, but because fear is wisdom and acknowledges reality.
- ◆ The absence of proper fear is not strength...it is arrogance.
- ◆ Healthy fear does not paralyze you...it positions you.
- ◆ The “Fear of the Lord” places you in right relationship with God.

Ecclesiastes 7:11–19 — ¹¹ *Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun.* ¹² *For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.* ¹³ *Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked?* ¹⁴ *In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.* ¹⁵ *In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing.* ¹⁶ *Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself?* ¹⁷ *Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time?* ¹⁸ *It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them.* ¹⁹ *Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 — *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

Biblically speaking, the “Fear of the Lord” actually helps you see clearly for the very first time. Because until you properly see God... you will improperly see everything else.

WHEN WE LEARN TO FEAR GOD:

1. Fear Creates Perspective...It Changes How You See

Biblical fear is not hiding from God...it is surrendering to Him, trusting Him, and resting in His protection and plan.

The “Fear of the Lord” is not just about recognizing that God is greater...it is about accepting that you are limited.

2. Fear Requires Humility...It Changes How You Think

This is exactly what Fearing God ultimately produces...it grows within us deep-rooted trust and dependence...not because we understand everything...but because we learn to trust the One who does.

Sadly many people say they trust God...but continue living as though they trust themselves more.

3. Fear Leads To Obedience...It Changes How You Live

What you revere...you eventually follow!

The exact fruit that the “Fear of the Lord” ultimately produces in our lives is faithfulness...not flashy spirituality...just simple and steady endurance.

4. Fear Produces Faithfulness...It Changes How You Persevere

Ecclesiastes 11:6 — *In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.*

God often waits to give us clarity until after we have walked in obedience.

Ecclesiastes does not call us to perfection...it calls us to faithfulness.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1) In what ways have you reduced God down to something manageable and become too comfortable with Him? In what ways have you lost your fear and awe of God?

2) What steps do you need to take this week to allow yourself to truly stand in fear, in reverence, and in awe of God daily once again? To see, think, live, and persevere differently than you have been?
