

The Gospel Of John

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CONTEXT

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PASSAGE

John 20:19-31

DISCUSS

- Why were the disciples afraid after Jesus' crucifixion, and how did this fear affect their actions?
- Can you think of a time when fear has influenced your actions or decision-making in a similar way?
- How can our fears impact our faith journey and relationship with God?
- What are some fears you have that might be hindering your faith and how can you overcome them?
- What does John 20:19 teach us about the disciples' behavior when they were afraid?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

- How does this scripture relate to situations in your own life where you have felt the need to hide or keep your faith secret?
- What steps can you take to trust in God more when facing your own fears?
- How can fear cause us to remain silent on important issues?
- Can you think of an instance where you have remained silent due to fear, and how you could overcome that fear to stand up for what you believe in?

PRAYER

- Pray for God's guidance and courage to confront our fears.
- Pray for a deepening trust in God's sovereignty and provision.
- Pray for opportunities to boldly live out our faith, even in the face of uncertainty and potential persecution.

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