

**NO FEAR  
OF JUDGMENT**



*For the purposes of  
this message:*

**judgment = condemnation,  
negative criticism, ridicule,  
marginalization, exclusion**



*Fear of criticism leads us to live not by God's direction but out of a spirit of fear of others.*

*It causes us to stay silent when we should speak; to remain uninvolved when we should act.*





TO ESCAPE  
CRITICISM:  
DO NOTHING  
SAY NOTHING  
BE NOTHING

- ❖ Our FOJ leads to deceit
- ❖ Our FOJ compromises our faith
  - ❖ Our FOJ creates stress
- ❖ Our FOJ misaligns our priorities
  - ❖ Our FOJ leads to dysfunctional relationships

# ❖ Our fear of judgment leads to deceit

- Aaron & the golden calf  
*Exodus 32:1-6, 21-24*
- Peter at the fire *Mark 14:66-72*
- Ananias and Sapphira *Acts 5:1-11*

# ❖ Our fear of judgment compromises our faith

Paul to Timothy – “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” *I Tim. 4:12*

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God.... For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. *II Tim. 1:6-7*

# ❖ Our fear of judgment creates stress

- Peter weeps after his denial of Christ at the fire *Mark 14:72*
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) is an anxiety disorder. Children and teens with GAD worry excessively and uncontrollably about daily life events.



## ❖ Our fear of judgment misaligns our priorities

- Israel seeks to have a king  
like other nations *I Samuel 8:10-22*
- David dancing before the Lord  
*II Samuel 6:12-23*
- Jesus washing feet *John 13:3-17*
- Paul becomes all things to all men  
*I Corinthians 9:19-23*

❖ Our fear of judgment leads to dysfunctional relationships

The church “works best” when we understand our role and are faithful to God’s call despite criticism

*Above all, the antidote to a  
fear of judgment is our faith.*

*But seek first the kingdom  
of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will  
be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

*Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ...your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

*Matthew 6:31-33*



*O God, truly my soul finds rest in You;  
my salvation comes from You.*

*Truly you are my rock and my salvation;*

*You are my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

*My salvation and my honor depend on You;*

*You are my mighty rock, my refuge.*

*I will trust in You at all times; I will pour out  
my heart to You, for You are my refuge;*

*I will not set my heart on others.*

*Power belongs to you, my God, and with you,*

*Lord, is unfailing love      -from Psalm 62*