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Dear Parents/Guardians

BEING BRAVE WHEN LIFE GETS SCARY

Let's face it - life can be scary!

We lose sleep over our loved ones and our little ones. We worry about the economy, finances, and employment. We watch the news and social media and we begin to feel like Chicken Little. The sky always seems to be falling.

I see the children standing far apart and everyone walking around with masks. Yes, COVID-19 is contagious, but FEAR probably 100x more. I want to appeal to you today, please be sensitive to what you say out loud. There is a fine line between educating your children on adhering to the necessary safety precautions, and burdening them with an overwhelming and all-consuming fear. They are not ready to deal with it. We as adults aren't even ready to carry the burden of constant fear. God wants so much more for us.

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer to say grace.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Stay strong, because the Lord is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when He is done with it.

We are in this together, and we will get through this together.

Yours sincerely

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