

St. Andrew's (JKP) Monthly Newsletter  
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Edification: Remember the reality show “Fear Factor”? The premise was that at some point human fear and the desire for cold hard cash will intersect, so why not exploit both! What ensued were some very disturbing, often disgusting displays of the desire for cash pushing the limits of fear. But what are real “fear factors”? Are there “good fears” & “bad fears”? Recently we’ve been told by those who fear free speech that if we oppose the building of a Mosque within close proximity of the 9/11 Muslim terrorist attacks it’s because we fear all things Muslim. We are “Islamophobes”, like those who oppose gay “marriage” are homophobes. While we reject this infantile accusation, would this be a legitimate fear factor? Do we, should we fear the rise of Islam in this country? The Islamists ultimate goal is to enshrine Sharia law as equal to and eventually superior to constitutional law. In this way the nation becomes Muslim from the top down. Is this something to fear? We’re told that it is our irrational, nativistic, bigoted fears that drive us to such a conclusion. I mean, after all how could something as innocent and even beneficial as building a “Community Center for outreach” be construed as some effort to undermine the constitutional underpinnings of our Republic? The blacks overcame racism and gained a full 1-for-1 vote; the gays are overcoming homophobia and are gaining access to marriage. Now it is the Muslims turn to overcome fear and prejudice and triumph as did all the others. And what better way than by erecting a monument to victory! There’s nothing to fear here, right? What would sharia law mean for us? Succinctly stated; tyranny, oppression, violent degrading subjugation of women, no free speech or assembly or elections, etc. But should it cause us fear? Is this a legitimate “fear factor”?

Events/Information: Please remember to tithe regularly through the summer weeks. In the midst of vacations and home renovations don’t forget the much needed financial support of this ministry. It helps keep the budget level when the tithes are consistent.

***Some people give God a tenth—a tenth of what they ought to give.***

Encourage: As recorded in the book of Numbers when the spies returned from spying out the promised-land the Israelites were distraught and fearful to learn that there would be opposition to them upon entering the land. They said they’d rather go back to Egypt (under new leadership of course) than press on into this battle-land. Joshua addressed their fear by saying *"do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they [are] our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."* Islam is an ancient enemy to the gospel of Christ. It once dominated the known world. The “useful idiots” in this era have either forgotten that or don’t care. Introducing sharia law is becoming the pet project of the liberal elites, including the latest addition to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is a system of ruthless control and forced submission. All but the ruling elite are under its jack-booted heel. However, the chief factor of fear for the Christian is not the enemy that opposes him. It is the LORD Himself, *He is our Fear*. We’re called - *commanded* to not fear our enemies. To do so is to *“rebel against the LORD”* and to fail to believe *He is with us*, and thus grieve the Holy Spirit. And grieving the Holy Spirit should cause us the greatest fear. If He is with us who can oppose us? If He turns against us who can deliver us? We need to factor that into all of our fearful living.