- WVC "No Way, Fear!" Wed Nov 1, 2023

## Ι. Proverbs 3:19-26

- A. Fear...
  - 1. The opposite of faith....

\* Faith has confidence and boldness to move forward; fear puts on the brakes!

\* Faith stands strong and is pleasing to God; fear causes you to hide and it will always attract evil.

\* Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God; Fear comes by hearing the word of Satan.

- 2. Fear is an emotional response linked to the spiritual separation from God (The first thing Adam said when he noticed he was separated from God, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid.")
  - Any anxious feeling, nervousness, drawing back because of what you see with your physical eyes is connected to fear.
  - God wants you to be completely free from fear; most people have no idea how fear controls them every day!
- B. Don't be afraid of SUDDEN fear
  - 1. Things that seem to jump out of nowhere (accidents, health issues, world issues, including terrorism).
  - 2. When you are afraid of things that don't presently exist, it gives Satan the legal right to try to bring those things (Job: the thing which I greatly feared...).
  - 3. *"I just worry all the time...."* Why? Because you are afraid of the unknown; Find the known and you will eliminate questions about the unknown!

## П. The Place of Trust

## A. Psalm 91:1-12

- 1. When you are in a place of real trust, it is impossible to be afraid!
- 2. I'm covered by His Wings, His Armor, and His Blood....and on top of that, He sends angels to protect me and be with me....why should I be afraid?
- B. Fear Not!
  - 1. Mark 5:36 "Don't be afraid, only believe." (Don't give into that feeling...Don't change your confession; Trust Me!)
  - 2. *Matthew* 14:27 "Be of good cheer; It is I, don't be afraid."
  - 3. Mark 4:39-40 "Why are you afraid; How is it that you have no faith?"