FEAR NO EVIL

WHEN FEAR CALLS THE SHOTS

Genesis 12:10-13:4 *Jeff Schreve*

Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.
Genesis 12:10

What happens when fear trumps faith?

1. You start making bad decisions.

A. You let circumstances dictate.

B. You start moving away from God's will for your life.

And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. Genesis 12:7

2. You start scheming and practicing deceit.

And it came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; and it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you." Genesis 12:11-13

A. You lean on your own understanding.

B. You believe the lies of the devil and forget the truth of God.

C. You rationalize and justify your actions.

3. You start losing your testimony for Christ.

A. Your witness is compromised.

B. Your loved ones are affected.

What can you do if fear has been calling the shots?

1. **You <u>leave the darkness</u>.**

   So, Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him; and Lot with him. Genesis 13:1

2. **You <u>repent and get right with God</u>.**

   And he went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. Genesis 13:3-4

3. **You <u>walk in the light and in the truth.</u>**