

GOD IS BIG ENOUGH

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TO UPROOT OUR FEARS 1 JOHN 4:15-19 Vol. 3 Num. 24

Using This Study

O EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

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What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

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Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read 1 John 4:15-19

- ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.
- ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
- ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.
- ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

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What does God MEAN?

1. How would you define fear, and are there different types of fear?

2. How does fear put us in bondage?

3. Why is fear self-protecting?

4.	What is the main way that God helps us uproot our fear?
5.	When the Bible speaks of perfect love what does it mean?
6.	Can one walk in love and in fear at the same time?
7.	Is walking in God's love something we can learn or is it a natural part of being a Christian?
8.	Take time to discuss the Jonathan Edwards quote and how it relates to you personally.

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Why does this MATTER to me?
Summarize your thoughts on the passage: Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO
Sermon Notes