KEYS FOR OVERCOMING FEAR: PEACE Overcoming Fear Study Session IV

Key Scriptures: John 14:26-27; John 16:32-33; Philippians 4:6-8

John 14:26-27

- I. The Lord's Concern
- II. The Lord's Contribution
- III. The Lord's Contrast

The World's Peace	God's Peace

- IV. The Lord's Commands
 - A. What are they?
 - 1. Don't let troubles overwhelm you.
 - 2. Don't let fear control you.
 - B. What does a command tell you?
 - 1. Obedience is within your responsibility.
 - 2. Obedience is within God's ability.
 - C. The Lord's Comfort
 - 1. The Peace from the Lord sustains us and overcomes fears.
 - 2. The Presence of the Holy Spirit sustains us and overcomes our fears.
- Underline the statement in Point IV that most encourages, challenges, troubles, or makes you wonder. Share what you underlined and why. This will lead to a profitable application.

John 16:32-33

- I. The Lord's Concern
- II. The Lord's Contribution
- III. The Lord's Contrast
- IV. The Lord's Encouragement
- Can I Get Your Opinion? At this stage in the disciples' lives, not understanding the resurrection and having a wrong understanding of a national kingdom (as well as the spiritual kingdom), what do you think would have been their top fears?
- For them, what did they learn to overcome their fears?
- For you, how did what they learned still apply to you today?

Philippians 4:6-8

- I. A New Perspective 4:6
 - Worry is a form of fear. Explain why it is and what God's direction is about it.
- II. A New Priority 4:6
 - A. The Priority of Prayer
 - B. The Priority of Gratitude

When you make prayer a priority you	When you don't make prayer a priority
	you
When you make gratitude a priority you	When you don't make gratitude a priority
	you

- III. A New Peace 4:7
 - A. God's supernatural peace surpasses my fears and understanding.
 - B. God's supernatural peace guards my heart (emotions) and mind (thoughts).
 - Is it possible to have God's peace without fully understanding the circumstances that cause fear?
- IV. A New Pattern of Thinking 4:8
 - The passage makes a clear connection between guarding your emotions and thoughts and the qualities of accurate thinking in v. 8. Can one have freedom from fear without changing one's thought patterns?
 - What in your thinking must change to reflect the qualities of clear-thinking in v. 8?

Homework? Of course! This is how you grow!

Take one of the passages in this study, and make it you passage to...

- 1. Memorize
- 2. Meditate on
- 3. Apply

(You are taking MMA to a new level as you go MMA on your fear!)