

# Coach House Church BEACONS

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## FEAR IN SECURITY

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"After winter comes the summer. After night comes the dawn. And after every storm, there come clear, open skies." – Samuel Rutherford,

The truth behind Samuel Rutherford's statement is also what led Jesus to see beyond His crown of thorns to a crown of majesty; beyond the nails in His hands and feet to an exalted name in Glory; beyond the betrayal and abandonment of His disciples to the love and worship of those who would believe in Him; beyond the visible suffering to the invisible glory. Jesus could endure the suffering because He saw the blessing which would follow.

This is the same perspective we should have in our trials. While it is true God can make good come from the worst difficulties, He never asks us to paint a rosy picture of the distress, pain, disappointment, or discomfort we feel, or to pretend it doesn't exist. Instead, He encourages us to look beyond the present hardships we face to the blessings which will come if we don't quit. That's what it means to persevere. That's what it takes to win.

There will be times when the going gets tough. It might be a hard time selling a house. It may be a terrible trial involving a loved one. A company may close. Something will go wrong at some time, and we will have to make a choice: am I going to become a victim of despair and self-pity, or am I going to fight my way through it and be a victor with God's help? If we want to win, then we need to persevere — but the choice is ours.

We serve a God Who will never allow something major in our lives that can't help us. He won't allow any tragedy into our lives that can't be used for our benefit. He can take something that is terrible and work it out to where it is a blessing in the

long run. We often cannot see that in the short-term, but it is a truth that we find in Scripture.

Life is full of epic challenges and obstacles, and we must find ways to overcome them. Some obstacles in life are small and easy, but some may seem nearly impossible. Life's obstacles can bring fear. When we come to those obstacles and they look scary, we may wonder how in the world we can possibly conquer them.

Now I'm going to be a little honest here. I have the absolute privilege to lead our church in Worship. It's an interesting activity and vocation. You see, if you're a worship leader, it may seem like you want to be the next rockstar but it's not about the pomp and circumstance at all. People should leave your services with a stronger theological backbone. They should have strength to persevere under trial. They should have their faith strengthened in the promises of God. If all they're talking about is me / you and how talented / untalented you are, you're not drawing attention to the right thing.

Now occasionally someone in our church family, may struggle with the way I lead worship. For one reason or another it's just not resonated with them. No matter what I do, new song, old song, they basically don't like the way I do things. Now this hurts. and hurts bad. You see when I put myself in the "firing line" as it were, I have never wanted it to be about me, in fact I don't really like standing up in front of people at all, but I feel I'm being led by the Spirit and in God's grace and timing He has put me in this place. The problem is on a Sunday i struggle with fear and insecurity as i internally wrestle with what I could possibly to appease this one person. It really affects how my mind and heart focusses on God in those moments, and sometimes it takes a word from Andy or Bekah to just set me straight.

Often, God will give us things in life to test us. But also gives us others to help us see it from another point of view. Such testing is designed for us to be strengthened. Every time we do any type of exercise, we are strengthening our bodies. We actually strengthen our muscles by tearing them down. Most exercises are developed in a way that tears down so that our bodies can rebuild stronger. That's the whole purpose of a test or exercise, and such is the same in our spiritual lives. God will send testing our way. If we can work through it and get over the obstacles, it will strengthen us so that next time we will be able to do something greater.

When thinking about big or small life obstacles, I'm reminded of when God instructed Israel to enter the Promised Land. Right before they went in, God told them to choose twelve spies to go in and scope out the land.

Many years before, God had promised this land to them. He had told Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses that this was their land. I believe that this is a promise that is still in place today and will be in place forever. This is a land that God has promised them, a land that He had described as flowing with milk and honey. So then why would God tell them to go spy out the land if He had already promised it to them? Wouldn't that be a waste of time?

God was giving them a test of faith. Yes, He had promised the land, but He wanted them to exercise faith and trust in Him. Often, that is why challenges or obstacles appear in our lives. Sometimes obstacles are things that we put in our own path. God can even use something that happens when we make a bad decision. Now, we shouldn't do something wrong just because we want to see God get the glory. There are going to be plenty of obstacles that God will allow to enter our lives, so we need to stop putting obstacles in our own path.

And this is where this leads me. When I look at our church, I'm so blessed to see our church family move in Worship, with the Spirit really touching lives and God ministering to us. I still can't believe God would use someone like me to be a vessel for Him. But yet He does. So how am I, and how should you deal with these fears and insecurities. Well like this..

There are obstacles that God has allowed into our lives, and God wants to use them for His glory. Life's obstacles may seem so massive, so insurmountable, but He is calling us to exercise faith and trust Him.

Are you struggling with a decision of what to do? Maybe you know God is calling you to do something for Him. Look back on His faithfulness in your life and know that you can trust Him with your future..

If we as believers love the Lord and walk with Him, as we walk, Almighty God is right behind us. Has 2021 gotten off to a bad start? We have a God of all power and might Who is backing us up, and He is not going to hold back anything.

We need people who are strong and courageous, who are not afraid and are willing to go forward for God. He has everything for us, all we need to do is trust Him and allow Him to work in our lives.

No obstacle is too small or great for God to handle.

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Have Fear but in the Security of Jesus



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