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# SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK INSERT: EMBRACING FAITH OVER FEAR

**Sermon Title:** Life & Death: Embracing Faith over Fear!

**Scripture Passage:** John 11:45-57 (KJV)

**Sermon Theme:** The purpose of this sermon is to encourage us to overcome fear with faith by trusting in Jesus as the Divine Savior, aligning ourselves with God's redemptive plan despite worldly pressures.

**Fallen Condition Focus:** We all fear others and things more than we have faith in God—a spiritual issue seen in the story and in today's world.

**Read John 11:45-57 together.** What reactions to Jesus' miracle do you see? How do they illustrate the conflict between faith and fear in the religious leaders and the people?

## **Conflict Between Faith and Fear:**

- Which of the three adversaries (flesh, world, Satan) do you struggle with most? Give an example from your life where fear from one of these "*drove you to flight*" (phobos).
- Discuss John 11:47-52 and 57. How did fear manipulate decisions in the story? How does it happen today?

## **Commitment to Faith:**

- What does the sermon mean by faith being "*taking action to entrust your whole life*" to God? How does John 11:45 encourage you despite societal pressures?



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- For unbelievers: What fear is holding you back from trusting Christ (e.g., loss, ridicule, wasted life)? How can God's love cast it out (1 John 4:18)?
- For believers: How can we live by faith daily using the Holy Spirit's power (Proverbs 3:5-6)? Share a step you'll take this week to commit to obedience over fear.

**Application Challenge:** This week, identify a fear in your life and counter it with a Scripture from the sermon (e.g., 1 Peter 5:8). Pray as a group for faith to win. Journal how God blesses this choice.

**Prayer Focus:** Thank God for Jesus' resurrection power. Ask for strength to embrace faith over fear, aligning with His redemptive plan.



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