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## Teaching Notes

Series: Forgotten God Week 2 - What Are We Afraid of?

Jesus returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit *so that every child of God would have His personal presence...*

What others think about us does matter to us... sometimes a lot more than we'd like or more than it should.

**2 Tim 1:7 (NLT)** For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

**Rather than face fear, we let fear decide how our life as a child of the King will play out!**

**Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)**<sup>11</sup> “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! <sup>13</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

Do we come each Sunday with a genuine sense of expectation/eagerness to see what God might want to do in our lives?

Fear is a powerful thing... not only can it deeply impact our lives, but and it can also be \_\_\_\_\_.

Maybe it's not a fear that God \_\_\_\_\_ show up, but instead we're afraid that He \_\_\_\_\_!

**1 Thess 5:19 (NLT)**<sup>19</sup> Do not stifle [quench] the Holy Spirit.

The surest way we can stifle the Holy Spirit is with \_\_\_\_\_!!

The forces of darkness use fear to control us, to manipulate us, to enslave us... *to keep us as distant as possible from our loving, empowering, gift-giving Father!!!!*

**1 Cor 2:9-12 (NLT)**<sup>9</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” <sup>10</sup> But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. <sup>11</sup> No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

We have a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Father!

If we will let Him, ***God wants to show us, over and over again, that He loves us, is patient with us, is kind towards us, and that He wants nothing but the best for us!!***

Next Steps:

- Get a workbook (and book)
- commit to attending the workshop next Sunday at 9:45am.
- ask God to keep you courageous this week.

Closing Song: Good, Good Father, by Chris Tomlin