

PBC Growing in Christ

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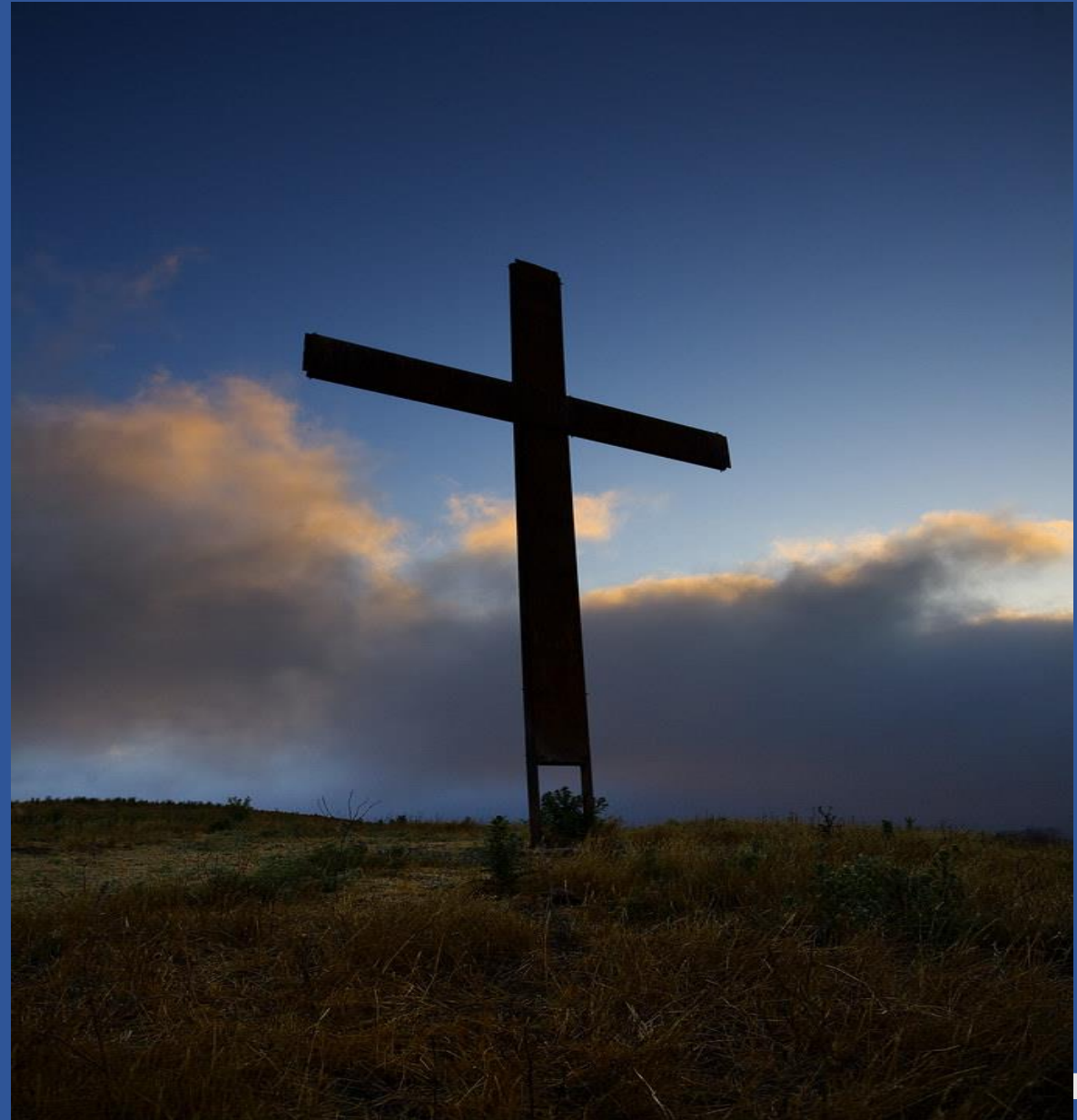
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The cross is silhouetted against a sky with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun. The clouds are scattered and catch the low light, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:1-6,9-16

**What is something you
don't like admitting
you're afraid of?**

Scripture

Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:1-6

1 The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say concerning the LORD, who is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust: 3 He himself will rescue you from the bird trap, from the destructive plague. 4 He will cover you with his feathers; you will take refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield. 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by day, 6 the plague that stalks in darkness, or the pestilence that ravages at noon.



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Psalm 91:1-6

Which of the depictions of God's power in these verses is most comforting to you?

Where do you see God's power on display in the world today?



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Psalm 91:1-6

- The imagery shows just how secure the psalmist felt with God. He lived “under the protection” of God, a phrase that carries the idea of being tucked away and hidden.
 - Trusting in Christ means we have a secure confidence in His salvation, love, and protection over us—and we reflect that confidence in how we live and respond in the face of fearful situations. A doctor’s diagnosis, a job layoff, or a car accident can quickly paralyze us with fear, but the Lord will protect us from falling into the trap if we keep our eyes on Him.
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Scripture

Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:9-13

9 Because you have made the LORD—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place, 10 no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent. 11 For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways. 12 They will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the young lion and the serpent.

Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:9-13

When have you seen God's protection in a fearful time?

How can our attitudes and actions express our trust in God's protection?



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Psalm 91:9-13



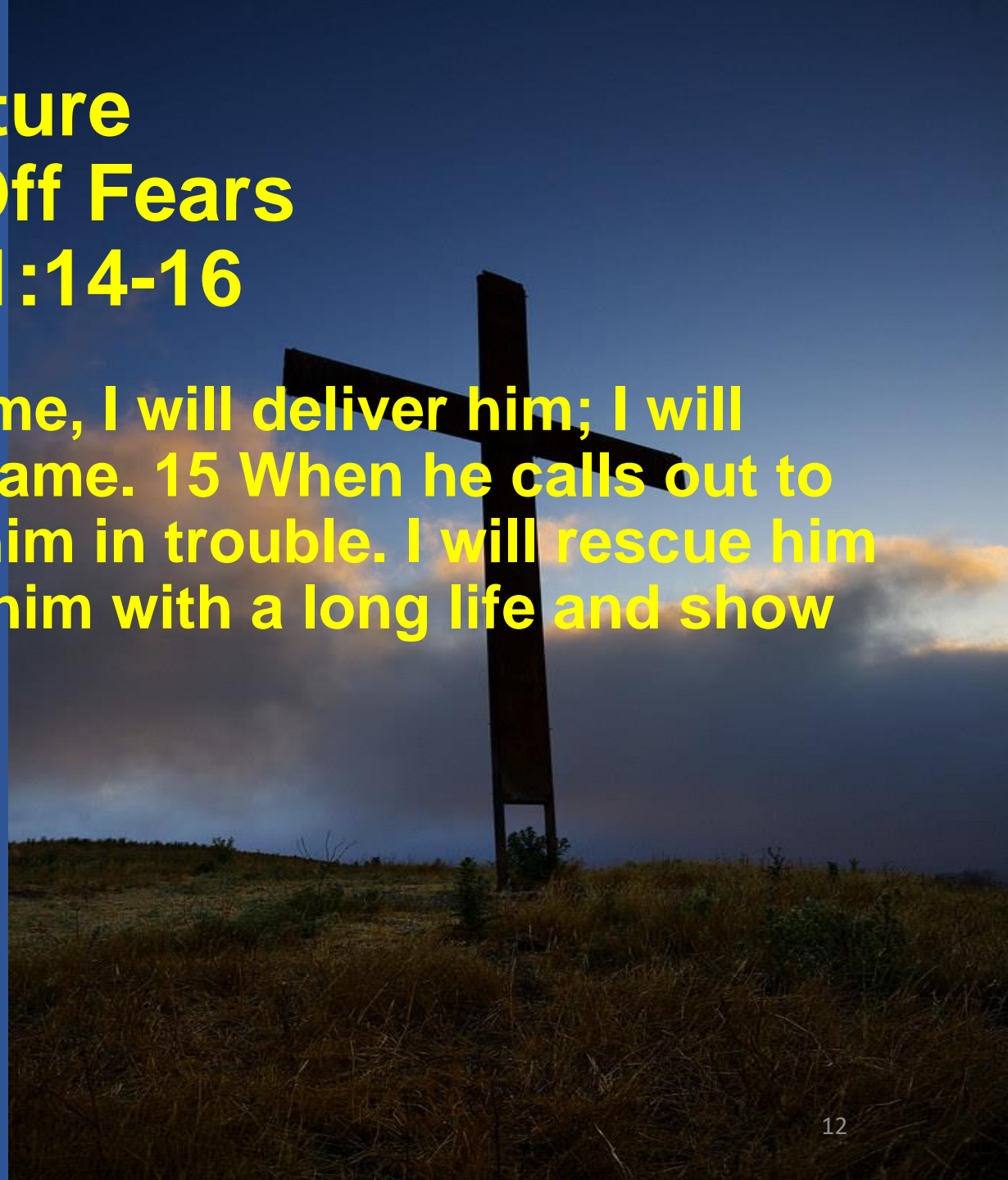
- God still protects today. Many people hold on to Psalm 91:11 as the grounds for believing God has assigned a guardian angel to every believer.
- We are to trust and worship the One the angels worship. God is the One who protects us. But God's promise of protection doesn't mean we can act foolishly. God's protection is grounded in our faithfulness and obedience to Him.

Scripture

Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:14-16

14 Because he has his heart set on me, I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows my name. 15 When he calls out to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and give him honor. 16 I will satisfy him with a long life and show him my salvation.





Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:14-16

What do these verses teach about the person who walks with God?

What kinds of things are promised to those who set their hearts on God?

Shaking Off Fears

Psalm 91:14-16



- Even though we trust God, sometimes our greatest fear comes to pass anyway. Our loved one dies, we lose our job. Where was God with His protection then? Job was a righteous man who loved God, yet he lost his children, his servants, his livestock, and his health. Job learned we can trust the hand of God even when we don't understand.
- God doesn't tell us how or when He will rescue us from what we face; God only assures us that He will.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Make a list.** Make a list of those things that tend to cause you fear. Beside each of those fears, make a note of how trusting God will help you to overcome that fear.
- **Surrender to God.** Admit that you can't protect yourself from all there is to be afraid of in this world. But God can. Surrender to Him and trust completely in His power and protection.
- **Walk through Scripture.** Read the account of Jesus' temptation recorded in Matthew 4:1-11. How has Satan used fear as a temptation to sin in your life? Allow Jesus' response to give you strength and guidance in how you deal with fear.



Final thoughts about Shaking Off Fears

- **Just as we trust God's power when fear rises up, we also can trust His protection. When the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, God stepped in to set them free. As plague after plague devastated the Egyptians, the Israelites rested securely in their homes.**
- **He has his heart set on me. God surrounds the one whose heart is undivided, the one who looks solely to God and no one else.**
- **He knows my name. Knowing God in this way is more than being aware of God's name; it is also knowing Him by experience.**



Final thoughts about Walking in Grief

We are going love the hell out
you!

Resources

- “The Most High” (El Elyon) – The Hebrew word captures the absolute supremacy of God. As the One who is over and above all, He is all-powerful, omnipotent (see Psalm 18:13) and never changing (see Psalm 21:7).
- “The Almighty” (Shaddai) – The Hebrew word focuses on the power of God. He is omnipotent and nothing is beyond His ability.
- “The LORD” (Yahweh) – This is the name by which He revealed Himself to Moses and the children of Israel. This is the name by which God established a covenant and relationship with His people (Exodus 3:13-15).
- Matthew 4:5-6
- Matthew 22:37

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Next Week: November 15, 2020
Embracing Joy

Psalm 95:1-3; Luke 2:4-14

What are some traditions
that bring you joy at
Christmas?



God Bless You!

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