

FEAR IS CONTAGIOUS... BUT SO IS HOPE

BIG IDEA: Is what you're carrying worth catching?

1) What Are You Carrying

Fear comes from a reliance on ourselves or others

Hope comes from a reliance on God

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 5 ESV

"²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake."

2) Why Carry Hope?

Matthew 9:26

²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

Mark 1:28

²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Acts 6:7

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Fear restricts our effectiveness

Hope increases our effectiveness

3) How to Carry Hope

John 13:35

³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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