## **Round Table Discussion**

Let's start with the temptation of Jesus Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:13,

For a season; Matthew 16:23, Luke 22:31

Jesus had just revealed to His disciples for the first time the plan: Mark 8:31, Luke 22:31

Peter was not setting his mind on the things of God—His ways, His plans, and His purposes Colossians 3:2; Isaiah 55:8-9.

What tactic did Jesus' use on the devil? James 4:7

Give no place to the Devil Ephesians 4:27-30, 2 Corinthians 10:4

The spirit of fear where does that come from?

The spirit of fear come from Satan; 2 Timothy 1:7

The spirit of fear is merely a perversion of our natural ability to recognize and deal with danger. Numbers 13:31

The <u>spiritual fear</u> is so deceptive. It's so close to natural fear that it's hard to tell when natural fear ends, and spiritual fear begins causing harm in a way that is gradual or not easily noticed.

We can add to our confusion another type of fear that is neither natural nor of the devil. The fear we are to have toward God, the Spirit of the fear of the Lord, is mentioned in Isaiah 11:2.

## So, we find three types of fear in the Bible:

The fear that is the ability to recognize danger and confront or escape that danger.

The fear that is demonic in origin

The fear that is our appropriate response to God

<u>Faith and fear</u> cannot exist together. Faith is described in as being "certain of what we do not see." It is an absolute belief that God is constantly working behind the scenes in every area of our lives, even when there is no tangible evidence to support that fact. <u>Hebrews 11:1</u>, <u>Matthew 14:22-31</u>

The Christian's faith is a confident assurance in a God who loves us, who knows our thoughts, and who cares about our deepest needs.

That faith continues to grow as we study the Bible and learn the attributes of His amazing character. The more we learn about God, the more we can see Him working in our lives and the stronger our faith grows. Romans 10:17