



Reckoning with Fear and Embracing Change: Scripture Study

What resources does your community possess that would help them to walk *with* their fear and embrace transformation? Explore your heritage and theology, as well as your individual and communal experiences and skills. Consult the Bible, especially the following:

- Deuteronomy 31:8: “It is the Lord who goes before you”
- Isaiah 43:18–21: “See, I am doing a new thing”
- Matthew 14:22–27: “Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid”
- Luke 6:6–11: Jesus heals on the Sabbath
- Luke 10:25–37: The Good Samaritan
- John 14:1–3: “Do not let your hearts be troubled”
- John 20:19–22: “Peace be with you”
- Acts 11:1–18: “What God has made clean, you must not call profane”
(Peter’s dream and conversion)
- 2 Corinthians 5:17–18, 20: “We are ambassadors for Christ”
- 1 John 4:16b–21: “There is no fear in love”

Conduct a simple Bible study using any of these passages. Read the passage three times.

1. First reading: What words and phrases in this passage stand out to you?
2. Second reading: What message—what “good news”—does the passage offer?
3. Third reading: What does the passage invite you to do or to be?