SERMON OUTLINE Don't panic!

February 6, 2022

Don't panic

We must pray and plan our reactions before we are attacked. Lashing out in the moment always makes things worse, and defensiveness distances us from everything that could actually protect us or make things better.

Deuteronomy 10:12-20 Exodus 2:11-14

How do YOU respond when others attack you?

Turn the other cheek

Jesus did not tell us to stay in abusive situations—or even to let others beat us up. He knew that defensiveness looks like guilt and makes things worse, and He wisely taught us the ultimate power move.

John 10:17-18 Matthew 5:38-40 & 26:47-56 Ephesians 4:11-16 When, where and how do YOU turn the other cheek?

Fight the devil together—and stay focused

We <u>can</u> focus on what is most important and keep doing our job, no matter what others say or do to us. God equips us to "fight" together (not against each other). We must <u>not</u> let the devil's attacks keep us from sharing the truth in love.

Matthew 12:1-8, 1 Samuel 21-22 Psalm 52, Ephesians 6:13-18

Lord, I will...

Have you joined a Growth Group yet?