

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



April 23, 2023 - "Fear" #3 in the series God on Film

Texts Referenced: Joshua 1: 7-9, Psalm 23:4 NIV

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. In the film version of L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy, Tin Man, and Scarecrow have a fearful encounter in the dark forest with a lion, who, despite his blustery manner, is afraid of almost everything.
 - What does the character of the Cowardly lion teach us about fear and our need for courage?

3. Consider these definitions of fear:
 - *An unpleasant anticipation of danger, dread, or terror*
 - *Anxious concern or phobia, a reason for alarm, fright, or panic*
 - *Profound reverence for God*
 - Why is it sometimes difficult to accept or understand our fears?
 - Why might a profound reverence for God be described as fear?

4. **Read Joshua 1:7-9.**
 - How does meditating on God's word help dispel our fear of the unknown?
 - Think about the character of the Cowardly Lion - how did he finally overcome his fear and acquire courage?

5. **Read Psalm 23:4**
 - Why does this passage bring such comfort in times of fear and grief?
 - How do you respond to the idea of following a path God has laid out for you but along which you may also encounter fearful situations?

6. How can we pray for you?