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Dear Friends,

Aren't you just thrilled with modern technology? I'm like a kid in a candy store when I visit electronics super-stores. Among the

most fascinating technological marvels are noise-canceling headphones. They generate sound waves as they detect external noise. The sound from the headphones cancels out the distracting external noise, producing silence. What will they think of next...?

Did you know that spiritually, we are sometimes distracted by the noise of "doubt"? This noise distracts us from doing the work of the Lord is doubt. We doubt we're saved; we doubt God's purpose for our lives; we doubt God can use us with the limited time, opportunities, and talents we have. If we listen to these distracting "noises," they will keep us from usefulness to Christ altogether. But God has His own set of "noise-canceling headphones" to keep His children on the right track!

The promises of God generate the counter-waves, which cancel out the noise of doubt producing trust in God. But we have to put on the headphones by reading His Word. We have to allow its truth to permeate and saturate our hearts and minds. Then we can be noise-free.

Be encouraged in the Lord and keep reading, there is one more noise distraction that you should know about!

With confidence in Him,

Pastor L.W. Edwards

## The Noise of Fear!

It's that nagging feeling we get after making a tough decision. You say to yourself, "*I should have handled it differently.*" It's the fearful thought in the back of our minds that our circumstances will turn for the worst, even though they've already worked out in our favor. It can be a part of the attitude: "I'll do life *my way*, since God is taking so long..." The problem is, it has us worried half to death second-guessing the sensibility of our expectations. What's wrong with us?

At one time or other, each of us wrestles with fear. It caused Peter to sink beneath the pounding waves in a valiant effort to walk on water. We see the account in Matthew 14:22-33.

Though our circumstances vary, like doubt, fear leads us along similar paths: 1. We take our eyes from the Savior. 2. We concentrate on life's hardships and struggles. 3. We grow fearful as we see the hopelessness of the situation at hand. 4. We sink in the sea of our problems.

Nevertheless, there's a solution. In James Smith's *Handfuls on Purpose*, he outlines why Peter's fear was unreasonable: 1. Christ's goodness. 2. His power. 3. His presence. 4. and His willingness to deliver. How reasonable is your fear? The easiest thing to do when hardships strike is grow discouraged at the magnitude of the problems before us. But what are we doing? We're taking our eyes from Christ! We need to refocus.

You may be struggling with a financial burden. Perhaps you're trying to sell your home in a troubled real estate market. Maybe you're just struggling to make ends meet! Remember God is bigger than your problems. Stay focused on

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Christ, for He is always there. He'll never let you down.

## Special Mention

- The 2008 Bibleway Building Fundraiser Banquet was a tremendous success! We are so grateful to all of you who supported us with your prayers and financial gifts! From the bottom of our hearts, we want you to know you have been a wonderful blessing! God has definitely been behind this endeavor! Pastor Edwards asked God for make this a financial blessing. God has done that and would you believe funds are still coming in! Pastor Edwards asked for souls to be saved during this event. A total of 18 came forward. How Great is our God! Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."
- What a great time we enjoyed at the banquet! Check out our website for additional highlights.



### Voting: A Matter of Party or Principle?

**Q.** Pastor, I want to select the right presidential candidate, but how do I know who to vote for?

**A.** Great question! As we get closer to the election, more people are struggling with this question. Here are some things you should consider:

1. You have a dual citizenship. You are a citizen of heaven first and foremost; yet for a while, you're also a citizen here on earth. (Ephesians 1:3)
2. Seek candidate information from Christian organizations like Christianity Today.  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2008/augustweb-only/135-31.0.html>  
Remember, because of the importance of your decision, you should go into the voting booth prepared.
3. Make judgments with a Christ-centered worldview. Your decision should not be based upon race, gender, or even one or two hot-button issues. Issues such as immigration, education, war, poverty, a healthy economy, and even the national debt are concerns Christians must also evaluate.
4. **Above All, Be Prayerful.** God is neither Democrat nor Republican! Our presidential decision will impact how God deals with our country as a whole!

## The Message Behind the Ministry...

Do you know for sure you are going to Heaven? We want you to have this assurance. All you must do is understand, as a sinner, you are unable to save yourself. Simply believe Jesus Christ died, paid for your sins, and rose again. Because He did all the work for you, you must only believe! In John 3:16, Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Trust Him today, and [tell us about it!](#) We want to rejoice with you!

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