

WEEK FOURTEEN | MOVING FROM FEAR TO JOY

I guess it is pretty normal to be suspicious these days. When someone with authority says, "I want to talk to you about something," and puts it off until the next day or more, I mean that's torture. All you want to do in response is ask questions and sweat. I'm not sure what it will take for us to understand that God is on our side and wants the best for us. He has prepared the best for us. It's a dream come true.

Jim Marshall ran 66 yards in the wrong direction.

If your faith had a highlight reel, where's a moment you "ran the wrong way"? (Keep it light — no pressure to share something heavy.)

Can you remember a time when you thought one mistake would define what people thought of you?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Hebrews 12:18-21.

What emotions do you feel when you picture God's power at Mount Sinai?

Read Hebrews 12:22-24.

What emotions does Mount Zion stir up for you?

Why do you think we have been conditioned to fear God more than trust him?

Abel's blood cried out guilt, and Jesus' blood cries out grace.

Why do you think guilt feels more familiar for many of us than grace?

APPLY IT

Russ said fear and shame never kept people from sinning — but they often keep people from God.

Where do you see that truth at work in your own story?

What does helping each other approach God with joy instead of fear look like in real relationships?

Our mission and purpose at Maury Hills are to be FOR Jesus and FOR our city.

How does Hebrews 12 remind us that God and Jesus are FOR us?

ALWAYS CLOSE IN PRAYER