Dear Friends,

I heard this verse of the Bible on an American Christian radio station just before I went into a church service. I was prepared to preach against fear from the Psalms. Fear is an important topic in Germany these days: there is fear of the war in Ukraine, fear of Corona and fear of climate change. But when I heard this word of God just before the service, it seemed to be an affirmation from God that I was heading in the right direction with my message. I felt like I should encourage the people with the following words: "Be strong, do not fear, your God will come!" So I will keep on doing that in different churches this year.

In Friedrichroda I presented two more teachings with a colleague last month. Around twenty brothers and sisters from different churches and areas got excited about the message.

This year I don’t have too many Sundays off in my calendar. Besides my work as a guest-preacher in different German Baptist Churches, I will teach two other lessons on Ecclesiology at the Thüringer Bible School in Friedrichroda. I’m also going to teach a historical theological message at the Baptist Church in Feuchtwangen. As a theological teacher I will correct papers in classes of the “Institute of Church Building and World Mission” (Institut für Gemeinde und Weltmission IGW) in Germany and Switzerland. Students hand in papers in classes like “Introduction to Theology”, “Exegesis of Biblical Texts”, “Church History” and “Basics of Faith”. I really like doing this, because I can keep up to date in theology and I am also able to multiply my own theological knowledge by sharing it with my students. By the way, you can find my teaching on the “Sermon on the Mount” in German at the link www.biblion-live.de.

In the summer Antje and I will have the chance to visit our brothers and sisters from World Reach in Alabama in the US. By connecting with the partner mission of the "Theological Teaching Service", more ministry opportunities will be possible in the future.

I appreciate your interest, financial support and prayers.

God bless you,

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P.S. Here are the links of the radio stations I mentioned: www.thechristianmix.com and www.ccmrewound.com. We don’t have these kind of Christian radio stations in Germany.