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Part 2: I Believe in God, but I Don't Fear Him

WEEK OF March 14, 2021

Want to be wise, make better decisions, and get things right before you ever get them wrong?
This is where you start.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- To “fear” God is to love and respect him.
 - **Proverbs 9:10** -The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...
 - Proverbs 14:27 -The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.
 - **Proverbs 22:4** - True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.
 - Your love and respect for God is best expressed in your decision to withhold nothing from him.
 - God takes full responsibility for the life that is wholly devoted to him.
 - The fear of God is an ongoing attitude of my heart that moves me to choose over and over again to obey God when it would be easier for me to do something else.
 - There is no greater thing you can do with your one and only life than living it in total devotion to Jesus.
 - You surrender your day and listen for God's whispers along the way.
 - In what area of your life are you withholding something from God?
 - What are you going to do about it?
 - Who do you need to tell, so they can help?
 - Prayer of surrender: Father, today I surrender completely to the control of your Spirit in my life. I surrender my pride, my selfish ambitions, my fears, my anxiety, my control issues. I surrender my thoughts, my desires, my hands and what I do, my time, my resources, and my words. Please help me to know your love deeply today and to act out of love for you and for others. Please help me to see everything you want me to do, and give me the courage and grace to carry it out. In Jesus' name, amen.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The “fear” of the Lord is a different meaning for fear than we normally use. It means to have love, respect, honor, awe for God. Growing up, was there anyone for whom you had this kind of respect/reverence?
2. We all like to say we love and respect certain people in our lives, but ultimately, how much we love or respect someone is shown in our actions. If someone says they love and respect you, what actions would they need to show?
As a follow-up, if we say we love and respect God, how do you think that should be reflected in our actions and behaviors?
3. So often we'll ignore or delay following advice (especially from our parents) that ultimately was for our good, and we do the same with what God asks of us. What's a lesson, advice, or command that took you a long time to begin to follow?
4. In what area of your life are you withholding something from God?
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