

Your Future & God's Faithfulness

Fear Factor – 2

For every fear you have, there is a corresponding attribute of God—something about His nature that corresponds to every fear you've got. Your fears come from either not understanding or not trusting various aspects of God's character.

The godly way of dealing with your fears is to seek the Lord, to understand His nature and provision for every part of your life.

Welcome

...Above all, love each other deeply

What is the most significant thing that happened in your life this past week?

Worship

...Offer God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess His name.

Read Psalm 34:1-10, emphasizing verse 4. Ask, “*Have any of you recently experienced God's deliverance and protection?*” Spend your worship time praising God for His faithfulness (Psalm 145:13).

Word

...You have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation.

- 1. During your quiet time last week, did God point out any fears that are keeping you from living the abundant life He offers (John 10:10)? Did you have an occasion last week to address someone's fear with the truth of God's Word? (“Homework” from the previous week)*
- 2. What do you fear most about the future—1) making right decisions, 2) facing Satan's temptations, 3) trusting God's provision? Explain.*
- 3. What promises from God's Word come to mind about His promise to provide help in each of these three areas?*

Spend as much time as you need with these first three questions. The remainder of the questions focus on God's promise to provide for our daily, physical needs.

Read Luke 12:22-31

- 4. What does Jesus tell us not to do? Why? What does Jesus urge us to do instead? Why? What will result?*

5. How does seeking God's kingdom as your first priority relate to anxiety?

Works

...Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

God uses ordinary people. He uses people who are filled with fear and worry and doubt and insecurity and a sense of inadequacy—but people who move ahead and do the right thing in spite of their fears. That's called faith.

Faith isn't the absence of fear. Faith is doing the right thing even when you are afraid, because you trust the faithfulness of God to help you through it.

During the next week, look for an opportunity to exercise faith. Ask Jesus Christ to infuse you with His power and strength. Step out in faith and do the right thing, knowing that God will give you whatever you need tomorrow when you get there.