



{INVITATIONS}

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FEARLESS: FINDING COURAGE FOR LIVING

Psalm 17:1-9; Job 19:23-27a; Luke 20:27-38; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

GETTING STARTED

Name one thing of which you are extremely afraid. Is it a rational or irrational fear? What makes it so frightening to you?

READ AND REFLECT

Read Psalm 17:1-9

Why is David calling out to God? What is he afraid of?

What does he ask God to do?

Read Job 19:23-27a

What is Job describing? When you think about what you know of Job's life, how do you think he was affected by this belief?

Do these two passages give you a sense of hope in the face of hardship and fear? Why or why not?

What other insights or questions do you have about these passages?

ENGAGE AND DISCUSS

In this week's sermon, Pastor Meyer discusses two great fears that most people face in their lives. One is the fear of worthlessness and the other the fear of death. Which of these two is most frightening to you?

Why do you think these two fears hold so much power over so many people?

Throughout scripture, people are instructed "do not be afraid." Are there Bible verses or stories that help you to feel less afraid of worthlessness or death? Share these with your group.

When you consider how big God is and how much he loves us, does this make you feel more fearless? How might you grow in fearlessness?

NEXT STEPS:

- Meditate on the Lectionary passages (especially the ones highlighted in this study) each day this week.

"So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." (2 Thessalonians 2: 15-17)

- Spend time resting in the "eternal encouragement and good hope" that is promised to us. Our God is bigger than any earthly fear.