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FEAR, FORGIVENESS, AND FAITH

A LIFESTYLE OF TRUST

1. FEAR

- What are you afraid of the most?
- What role does fear play in your life?

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid (fearful), but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.

1 John 4:18 (NIV)

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Psalms 56:3-4 (tPt)

In the day that I'm afraid, I lay all my fears before you and trust you with all my heart. What harm could a man bring to me? With God on my side I will not be afraid of what comes. The roaring praises of God fill my heart, and I will always triumph as I trust His promises.

2. FORGIVENESS

- Have you ever had to be forgiven for something?
- Have you ever struggled to forgive someone else?

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

3. FAITH

- Do you have any areas where you feel God wants to grow your faith?

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NIV)

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

