

TITLE: REPLACING YOUR FEAR WITH FAITH

TEXT: **PSALM 92:8**, 'BUT YOU, O LORD, WILL BE EXALTED FOREVER.'

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1. IF GOD'S PEOPLE ARE GIVEN PERMISSION TO APPROACH HIM, THEN HOW MIGHT YOU AND I BEGIN TO FIND HIM?
  2. WHAT SHOULD WE DO UPON ENCOUNTERING HIM?
  3. AND, HOW WILL STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BRING STRENGTH TO US TODAY?
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1. Q: HOW MIGHT WE FIND HIM?

**PSALM 118:19-20**

'OPEN FOR ME THE GATES WHERE THE RIGHTEOUS ENTER, AND I WILL GO IN AND THANK THE LORD. 20. THESE GATES LEAD TO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND THE GODLY ENTER THERE.'

- FOR THOSE WHO REVERENCE THE LORD WE FIND HIM READY TO MEET WITH US.

**MATTHEW 6:33-34**

'SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE, AND LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED. 34. SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW, FOR TOMORROW WILL BRING ITS OWN WORRIES. TODAY'S TROUBLE IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY.'

- RECOGNIZE THAT GOD WANTS US TO HAVE - ALL THAT WE NEED.
- TO HAVE THAT WHICH IS MOST BENEFICIAL FOR US, WE MUST SEEK HIM.
- GOD IS A LOVING GOD. HE ENJOYS GIVING GOOD THINGS TO HIS PEOPLE.

**HEBREWS 4:16**

'SO LET US COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF OUR GRACIOUS GOD. THERE WE WILL RECEIVE HIS MERCY, AND WE WILL FIND GRACE TO HELP US WHEN WE NEED IT MOST'

2. Q: HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO HIM?

**JAMES 4:10**

HUMBLE YOURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND HE WILL LIFT YOU UP IN HONOR.

- RECOGNIZE THE GIFT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN BEING INVITED TO COME.
- BELIEVE, THIS IS GOD'S PROMISE MADE TO YOU AND I

**ROMANS 3:9**

'...ALL PEOPLE, WHETHER JEWS OR GENTILES, ARE UNDER THE POWER OF SIN.'

**ROMANS 3:10-18**

'AS THE SCRIPTURES SAY, "NO ONE IS RIGHTEOUS – NOT EVEN ONE... NO ONE DOES GOOD ...DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ALWAYS FOLLOW THEM. THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND PEACE. THEY HAVE NO FEAR OF GOD AT ALL."

### **ROMANS 3:21-22**

'BUT NOW GOD HAS SHOWN US A WAY TO BE MADE RIGHT WITH HIM... WE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD BY PLACING OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

- **FAITH** CAN BE DESCRIBED AS: **BELIEF + TRUST + ACTION.**
- THE KIND OF FAITH WHICH MAKES US RIGHT WITH GOD DOES NOT HAPPEN BY PUTTING OUR TRUST IN WHAT WE CAN DO OURSELVES, OR IN THE POWER OF OTHERS, BUT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST - AND IN HIM ALONE.

### **ROMANS 3:25-26**

'FOR GOD PRESENTED JESUS AS THE SACRIFICE FOR SIN. PEOPLE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD WHEN THEY BELIEVE THAT JESUS SACRIFICED HIS LIFE... 26... GOD DID THIS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR HE HIMSELF IS FAIR AND JUST, AND HE DECLARES SINNERS TO BE RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT WHEN THEY BELIEVE IN JESUS.

- BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GOD WHICH RAISED HIS SON FROM THE GRAVE.
  - BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF JESUS' BLOOD WHICH MAKES US RIGHT W/GOD.
  - BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF HIS PROMISES. DECLARE THAT HIS WORD IS TRUE.
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### 3. Q: HOW WILL WE BECOME STRONGER?

- RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE TRUST ISSUES – EVEN AS BELIEVERS. ANYONE HAVE WORRY OR FEEL ANXIETY WITH SITUATIONS YOU ARE CURRENTLY FACING?
- WELL, DON'T FACE THEM ALONE. TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH YOU – BEGIN TO QUOTE IT BACK TO GOD AND STAND UPON IT AS HIS PROMISE FOR YOUR LIFE. LET GOD PROVE HIMSELF AS FAITHFUL, AS TRUE – TO YOU, OR ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD. LET THE DOUBTERS BE SHOWN THAT GOD IS FOREVER FAITHFUL.

### **ISAIAH 40:31**

'THE PEOPLE WHO TRUST THE LORD WILL BECOME STRONG AGAIN. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RISE UP AS AN EAGLE IN THE SKY. THEY WILL RUN WITHOUT NEEDING REST. THEY WILL WALK WITHOUT BECOMING TIRED.'

### **ROMANS 2:7**

'HE WILL GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO THOSE WHO KEEP ON DOING GOOD, SEEKING AFTER THE GLORY AND HONOR AND IMMORTALITY THAT GOD OFFERS.'

### **PSALM 92:8**

'BUT YOU, O LORD, WILL BE EXALTED FOREVER.'

### **2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**

'WE ARE HUMAN, BUT WE DON'T WAGE WAR AS HUMANS DO. 4. WE USE GOD'S MIGHTY WEAPONS...TO KNOCK DOWN THE STRONGHOLDS OF HUMAN REASONING AND TO DESTROY FALSE ARGUMENTS. 5. WE DESTROY EVERY PROUD OBSTACLE THAT KEEPS PEOPLE FROM KNOWING GOD. WE CAPTURE THEIR REBELLIOUS THOUGHTS AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY CHRIST.