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FACING DOWN YOUR FEARS WITH FAITH

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A person who is afflicted with the fear of failure considers the possibility of failing so intense that he chooses not even to take the <u>risk</u>.

OVERCOMING YOUR FEAR OF FAILURE 1. The principle of divineperspective
2. The principle of divine <u>purpose</u>
The more there is to <u>focus</u> on, the less there is to fear about. The less there is fear, the less there is <u>failure</u> .
3. The principle of divine <u>persuasion</u>
4. The principle of divine <u>priority</u>
Turn to the Word of God and find in it the strong words that will lift you up and se you <u>free</u> from your <u>fear</u> .
5. The principle of divine <u>presence</u>
6. The principle of divine <u>prosperity</u>
Whatever we're afraid of, whatever we're afraid to tackle, if <u>God</u> is with us, we don't have to be afraid.
God's commandments are God's <u>enablements</u> .

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Depression: low spirits, gloomy feelings, dejection, <u>sadness</u> , a condition marked by feelings of <u>worthlessness</u> , failure, and accompanying guilt
THE EPIDEMIC OF DEPRESSION More than1 in20 _ American adults are treated for depression during their lives.
Major depression is the leading cause of <u>disability</u> worldwide.
An estimated <u>121</u> million people worldwide suffer from depression.
THE EXPERIENCE OF DEPRESSION Depression is a human problem, a fact of life that shouldn't <u>surprise</u> us.
THE EXPRESSION OF DEPRESSION Job 3
THE EXAMINATION OF DEPRESSION Godly people sometimes get depressed.
THE EXPLANATIONS OF DEPRESSION
1. <u>Situational</u> reasons 2. <u>Systemic</u> reasons
It is very difficult to feel well emotionally, mentally, and spiritually when you are feeling awful <u>physically</u> .
3. <u>Satanic</u> reasons 4. <u>Spiritual</u> reasons
THE ELIMINATION OF DEPRESSION
1. <u>Reveal</u> it. 2. <u>Resist</u> it.
3. <u>Report</u> it. 4. <u>Replace</u> it.
THE EFFECT OF DEPRESSION Job 23:10

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WAYS WE BECOME DISCONNECTED

1. The disconnection of <u>isolation</u>
<u>Twenty</u> - <u>seven</u> percent of American households have just one person
Christians who are isolated from other Christians move toward <u>deterioration</u> .
2. The disconnection of <u>infidelity</u>
3. The disconnection of <u>interference</u>
WHAT WE NEED WHEN WE'RE DISCONNECTED 1. We need <u>companionship</u> .
2. We need <u>compassion</u> .
3. We need <u>courage</u> .
4. We need <u>Christ</u> .
Life is one long experience of <u>disconnection</u> .
One day those who have refused God's offer of free grace and salvation will be disconnected from God <u>forever</u> .
Jesus was disconnected from God so that we could be <u>connected</u> to Him.

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PROBABLE ENCOUNTERS WITH DISEASE

When Adam and Eve sinned, <u>sickness</u> became a grim reality. Death became unavoidable.

Disease: any condition that causes <u>pain</u>, dysfunction, distress, social problems, or <u>death</u>

PRIMARY EXAMPLES OF DISEASE

Paul Job Lazarus The woman with the issue of blood
Naaman David Asa Jehoram People of Galilee
Epaphroditus Dorcas

PAINFUL EMOTIONS OF DISEASE

- 2. The <u>prescription</u>

 Medicine and doctors have a part in <u>healing</u>.
- 3. The <u>problem</u>
 God's perfect will for us may not exempt us from illness, but He knows how to turn all things for what's best for us.

PRACTICAL ENCOURAGEMENTS OF DISEASE

- 1. Control your <u>mind</u>.

 Don't let temporal illness steal your eternal <u>peace</u>.
- Count your <u>blessings</u>.
 The Lord can teach us many lessons in <u>illness</u> that could never be learned in <u>health</u>.
- 3. Continue your <u>work</u>.

 Going through a rough patch often equips us for further <u>service</u>, and sometimes it allows us to empathize and minister to people who otherwise would never have crossed our paths or been touched by our lives.

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THE FACT OF DEATH

Psalm 116:15

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1. Physical death

In physical death the spirit and soul leave the <u>body</u> and move either into the presence of God or to isolation from God.

2. Spiritual death

Spiritual death is the separation of the natural man from <u>God</u>.

3. <u>Second</u> death

The second death is the final <u>banishment</u> from God and the final misery of the wicked in hell following the great white throne judgment at the end of the millennium.

If you have been born only once, you will have to die <u>twice</u>. But if you have been born twice, you will have to die only <u>once</u>.

THE FEAR OF DEATH

- 1. The prince of death has been <u>defeated</u>.

 Because Christ died, we have lives that are <u>forgiven</u>. Because Christ arose, we have lives that are <u>forever</u>.
- 2. The power of death has been destroyed .
- 3. The process of death has been <u>described</u>.
- 4. The picture of death has been <u>developed</u>.

TRUTHS ABOUT DEATH FROM PSALM 23

- 1. Death is a <u>journey</u>, not a destination.
- 2. Death is a <u>shadow</u>, not a reality.
- 3. Death is lonely, but you're never <u>alone</u>.

You can face death with your faith if you will put your faith in <u>Jesus</u> <u>Christ</u>.

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It's the lack of this discussion of the fear of God that contributes to the _	mess	
into which this world is rapidly descending.		

The definition of the fear of God extends far beyond the emotion of <u>awe</u>.

TWO WAYS TO FEAR GOD

- 1. Awesome dread
- 2. Astonished devotion

God's greatness and majesty reduce us to an overpowering sense of awe that is not focused only on His wrath and judgment but on His transcendent <u>glory</u>.

WHY WE SHOULD FEAR GOD

- 1. Because of who He __is__
 - The very <u>nature</u> of God—His unequaled majesty, His unparalleled magnificence, His unmeasured beauty—should cause us to fear Him.
- Because of what He has <u>done</u>
 Perhaps the most spectacular demonstration of God's work in the past is creation itself.
- 3. Because of what He is <u>doing</u>
 Every breath we take is a precious gift of God's sustaining <u>grace</u>. And for that sustenance God deserves our fear—our never-ending <u>devotion</u>.

PROMISES FOR THOSE WHO FEAR GOD

- 1. The promise of <u>provision</u>
- 2. The promise of <u>protection</u>
- 3. The promise of <u>purity</u>
- 4. The promise of prosperity
- 5. The promise of <u>prolonged</u> <u>days</u>