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**Message Series:** TRUSTING GOD: From Fear To Faith

**Today's Message:** Fear Turned To Freedom

Matthew 6:25

Matthew 13:22

### 1. The Fear Factor

- "The cares of this world" - "I will not trust what I cannot see"
- So unbelief begins, the cure: Obedience to the Holy Spirit

**The "What ifs"** - "What if I give too much?" "What if I don't have enough left?"

1 Kings 17:7-16

Luke 21:1-4

**DANGER:** We lose sight of who really owns everything, who controls all.

Luke 11:5-13

### 2. What Fear Does

James 4:1-4

James 4:6-8

**What FEAR Does:**

- 1) It clouds our thinking: we obsess; the facts get blurred.
- 2) Fear Freezes us in our tracks or leads us down wrong paths.
- 3) Fear and faith often go hand in hand: when you pursue a growing faith—potential fears rise up.

**Reality:** The THING TO Fear: not giving away too much—but sowing too little

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

**Sadly:** Many stop growing in Christ because we choose on the basis of "our rights" instead of letting God make the choice for us.

Matthew 6:33

**WHAT IF:**

- 1) God called you/me to give beyond our comfort level?
- 2) You missed on an eternal harvest opportunity—external fruit for His Kingdom?
  - Sowing in faith results in an external crop; cowering in fear brings empty fields.

**Danger:** Over time we get used to rationalizing our way around growing in faith and grow numb spiritually.

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20