



Godly Confidence

Trusting God When You're Scared
2 Chronicles 16:1-10

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1. See _____ (vv.1-6)

2. Put _____ (vv.7-9)

3. Always _____ (v.10)

2 Chronicles 16:1 In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might permit no one to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. **2** Then Asa took silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the LORD and the king's house and sent them to Ben-hadad king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying, **3** "There is a covenant between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I am sending to you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me." **4** And Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and they conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. **5** And when Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah and let his work cease. **6** Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber, with which Baasha had been building, and with them he built Geba and Mizpah. **7** At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. **8** Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, he gave them into your hand. **9** For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars." **10** Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in the stocks in prison, for he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa inflicted cruelties upon some of the people at the same time. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 46:1-3**. Why is fear such a destructive problem for us as Christians? What are some of the temptations that surface when you are afraid?
2. Read **Deuteronomy 4:1-8**. Why is important for us not to divorce submission to God's word from our confidence in God's responsiveness to our prayers?
3. Read **Matthew 6:25-34 & 10:28-31**. What convicts you most in these passages about the illogical nature of fear and worry as a Christian, especially in light of the things you tend to worry about?
4. Read **2 Chronicles 16:8-9**. How do these verses motivate you as you consider the choices you make regarding where you put your trust?

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **2 Timothy 4:9-18**. How do these reflections from Paul near the end of his life help you to see the value of investing your prayers and resources in the work we are aiming at with Compass 20/20?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 19-13 – **Fearless**
Msg. 14-27 – **Confident in His Power to Sustain**
Msg. 06-27 – **Abraham: A Fascinating Template of Promises & Faith**
Msg. 07-18 – **Trusting God When Hope Seems Lost**
Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**
Msg. 09-24 – **Faith, Stress & Money: Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**
Msg. 15-32–15-35 & 16-01–16-07 – **FEAR & fears** (an 11-part series)

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 17th
Ezk. 16 & Heb. 12
November 18th
Ezk. 17-19 & Heb. 13
November 19th
Ezk. 20-21 & Jms. 1
November 20th
Ezk. 22-23 & Jms. 2
November 21st
Ezk. 24-26 & Jms. 3
November 22nd
Ezk. 27-28 & Jms. 4
November 23rd
Ezk. 29-31 & Jms. 5
November 24th
Ezk. 32-33 & 1Pt. 1

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **What Do You Do When You Worry All The Time?** P & R Publishing, 1975.
Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.
Fabarez, Mike. **Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt**. Harvest House, 2014.
Lane, Timothy. **Living Without Worry: How to Replace Anxiety with Peace**. The Good Book Company, 2015.
Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cure**. Eerdmans, 1965.
Mack, Wayne A. **It's Not Fair! Finding Hope When Times are Tough**. P & R Publishing, 2008.
Powlison, David. **Worry: Pursuing a Better Path to Peace**. P & R Publishing, 2004.
Witmer, Timothy J. **Mindscope: What to Think About Instead of Worrying**. New Growth Press, 2014.
Bonar, Horatius. **The Word of Promise: A Handbook to the Promises of Scripture**. ATS, 1865.
Petty, James C. **When the Money Runs Out**. New Growth Press, 2009.
Rose Publishing. **Bible Promises of Hope and Courage**. Rose Publishing, Inc., 2006.
Scott, Stuart. **Anger, Anxiety and Fear: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishing, 2009.
Swindoll, Charles. **Laugh Again**. Word Publishing, 1991.
Wiersbe, Warren W. **Prayer, Praise & Promises: A Daily Walk Through the Psalms**. Baker Books, 2013.