

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

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## Gaining Freedom from Your Fears

Fear is a powerful and pervasive emotion that can grip individuals in various aspects of life. It often stems from uncertainties, insecurities, and the unknown. The concept of fear is addressed in the teachings of Christ, who serves as a source of comfort and solace. We find reassurance in the understanding that God, through Christ, offers love, grace, and the promise of eternal life, dispelling the fear of the unknown. Christ's sacrifice on the cross and the victory over sin and death provides a foundation for us to overcome our fears and find strength in our faith.

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

### **Thanks Be to God**

You cannot be fearful and thankful at the same time. You also cannot have doubt and discouragement concurrently with thankfulness. We should strive to find appreciation for God and all the blessings He provides for us each day. Can you recall a moment when you felt particularly thankful to God? How did that gratitude impact your actions and interactions with others? In moments of challenge or difficulty, how does focusing on gratitude to God influence your ability to navigate and overcome obstacles?

*Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 92:1*

### **He Gives Us the Victory Through Our Lord Jesus Christ**

God has already sacrificed so much, so we don't have to. Our faith in Him provides a victory over our past and a victory over death. We don't live for victory; we live in victory. We win every time with God! Reflect on moments when you've overcome adversity with the strength and guidance of Jesus Christ. How has this realization deepened your connection with God? Think of your ongoing process of spiritual growth. How does the awareness of God's victory through Jesus Christ shape your aspirations and goals for the future?

*2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Romans 8:35-39; Romans 6:17-18; 1 Timothy 1:15-16*

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### Make it Real

- Write down three things that you are thankful for each day this week. (Challenge: think of three new items each and every day).
- The greatest way to conquer worry and fear is to pray... do it often!
- Surrender your life to Jesus.