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Grace Notes Radio Program

THEME: Making the best of our EMOTIONS – Part 7

References: Emotions, can you trust them? Dr. Dobson

Women and their emotions – Miriam Neff

Songs: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes.

‘Making the best of our emotions’ is our current study.

Today we’ll conclude our discussion on fear. On our last program we learned that fear entered the human race as a result of man’s sin – or transgression against Almighty God. As a result, all humankind is innately afraid of God, not just because He is powerful, but because He has the right to judge us. Scripture, however, views fear in a positive light. God’s perfect love caused Him to send His Son, Jesus, to die and pay the penalty for our sin, so that if we’ve trusted Jesus to be our Savior, we are freed from sin’s curse.

We concluded out last program by stating that if we fear God the way we’re supposed to, we won’t be afraid of other things, because God’s perfect love casts out fear.

Yes, as Believers, we don’t have to be afraid of God, but we must still respect and reverence Him. How do we rightly fear God? This is the subject matter of our program today. We’ll be covering a lot of Scripture, so grab your Bible and take notes as Barbara dives into God’s Word.

So, how do we fear God correctly? Let’s see what the Bible says starting with Proverbs 8:13a. It says...

To fear the Lord is to hate evil.

In other words, we’re to love what God loves and hate what God hates. Obviously, God hates evil, but what exactly does he love.

**Turn to Proverbs 2:1-5. Note here what we're supposed to do ...
...if you accept my words and store up my commands within
you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to
understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for
understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search
for it as for hidden treasure, **then you will understand the fear
of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.****

**God loves for us to search the Scriptures to learn His likes and
dislikes, then memorize His commands and APPLY them to our
lives. We're to whole-heartedly seek to understand God's
commands so we can reverence Him acceptably. And we're to
make this an ongoing pursuit, almost as if we were on a treasure
hunt.**

**Dale & I watch a reality TV show called Gold Rush. It tracks
the quest of three groups of men who've staked a claim in
different areas in Alaska and are panning for gold. They are
totally sold out to the mere prospect of making a fortune, even
to the point of risking their lives and destroying their health.**

**What stops us from seeking to know God this way? Do we not
believe there's treasure in knowing Him; treasure far greater
than temporary material gain; treasure that will not perish?**

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** MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER ** LENGTH: 2:06

**Lord You are more precious than silver,
Lord You are more costly than gold,
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds,
Nothing I desire compares to You. 2x**

Proverbs 3:21-26 outlines just a few of God's treasures we can have if we follow His instructions...

... preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble; when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

**Our duty – to preserve sound judgment and discernment by obeying God's commands, and to choose to not be afraid of disaster. And that's a command God will help us keep.
Our assurance - the Lord will be our confidence and prevent our foot from being snared.**

Here are some other benefits...

Psalm 115:13 -God will bless us if we fear Him.

Psalm 145:19 - God will fulfill our desires, hear our cry and save us.

Proverbs 11:10 -fearing God will make us wise.

Proverbs 10:27a says God will add length to life.

Psalm 27:1 reads...

The Lord is my light (He guides us here on earth) and my salvation (He saves us for eternity) – whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?

Now let's look at some men in Scripture who did it right.

Abraham chose to trust the Promiser over the promised thing. In Genesis 22:11-12, God asked Him to sacrifice his son. Abraham and was about to lower the knife...

But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I

know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

John Wesley noted, "The best evidence of our fearing God is our being willing to honor him with that which is dearest to us, and to part with all to him, or for him."

The prophet Jeremiah couldn't figure it all out, but chose to trust God because GOD IS GOD. He was known as the weeping prophet during one of Israel's darkest periods. He was forbidden to marry so he faced loneliness, along with beatings, imprisonments, rejection, and the apparent failure of God's faithfulness. He had no **VISIBLE evidence to trust God. But Lamentations 3:21-24 states his commitment. It says...**

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Joseph paid a great penalty for honoring God. He was sold into slavery, then sold to Potipher, captain of the guard. God made him so successful that he was put in charge of everything in his household. Potipher's wife tried to seduce him, to which he responded in Genesis 39:9...

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

Joseph saw sin as against GOD not just against a person. We need to do the same.

Noah obeyed God out of sheer faith - despite ridicule. Hebrews 11:7 commended him by saying...

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

We too, like these saints of old, can succeed in fearing God correctly. How? By yielding control of our life to the Lord, and choosing to trust Him in ALL circumstances, like King David did. He wrote in Psalm 56:3-4...

When I am afraid, I WILL trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Deut 33:12 concludes...The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between His shoulders.

That's a reason to sing!

******* WRITER: Chris Tomlin
*** HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING *** LENGTH: 4:00

**There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling
How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing
I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give
I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win**

**I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne**

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