

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

wholehearted



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
November 16, 2025

WHOLE FEAR

Pastor Brian Benton | Turlock
Pastor Jeremy Moore | Patterson

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)

Today's Verse: Proverbs 3:7b "Instead, fear the Lord...."

1. Fear of God begins with _____.

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple" Isaiah 6:1 (NIV).

"Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Isaiah 6:5 (NIV)

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:6-8 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV)

2. Fear of God produces _____.

By fearing the Lord, people avoid evil. Proverbs 16:6b (NLT)

"How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God" Genesis 39:9 (NIV).

"If you love me, you will obey my commandments." John 14:15 (NLT)

3. Fear of God keeps me _____ with Him.

"I have sinned. I violated the Lord's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them." 1 Samuel 15:24 (NIV)

He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him." 1 Samuel 24:6 (NLT)

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV)

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NLT)

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

wholehearted



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
November 16, 2025

WHOLE FEAR

Pastor Brian Benton | Turlock
Pastor Jeremy Moore | Patterson

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)

Today's Verse: Proverbs 3:7b "Instead, fear the Lord...."

1. Fear of God begins with reverence.

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple" Isaiah 6:1 (NIV).

"Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Isaiah 6:5 (NIV)

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:6-8 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV)

2. Fear of God produces obedience.

By fearing the Lord, people avoid evil. Proverbs 16:6b (NLT)

"How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God" Genesis 39:9 (NIV).

"If you love me, you will obey my commandments." John 14:15 (NLT)

3. Fear of God keeps me aligned with Him.

"I have sinned. I violated the Lord's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them." 1 Samuel 15:24 (NIV)

He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him." 1 Samuel 24:6 (NLT)

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV)

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NLT)

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

wholehearted

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

November 16, 2025

CONNECT

Has there been a time in your walk with God, that you were put off or confused by the command to fear Him? Did that, or is that now, bringing about any confusion or concern? What steps did you take to help you process through this?

ENGAGE

What part of this weekend's message challenged or encouraged you the most?

GROW

- When you think about “fearing God,” what comes to mind first; terror, respect, or awe? How does Isaiah’s vision in Isaiah 6, reshape your understanding of what it means to revere God’s holiness?
- Joseph refused to sin against God even when no one else was watching (Genesis 39). What does this teach us about the connection between fearing God and obeying Him out of love rather than obligation?
- How can you tell when your decisions are being guided more by the fear of people, outcomes, or reputation rather than a holy fear of God?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

The sermon closed by challenging us to identify one area where we fear man more than we fear God. What area would that be for you, and what’s one specific way you can begin to realign that area with God this week?