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Males: ///
Under 30: /
31-49: ////
50+: /////

1. Anything we missed in Part 1

- fear of parents with an addicted child of any age fear of being single in a couple's world
- fear of abandonment by spouses/children
- Fear of illness
- Fear of retirement
- Loss of one's salvation
- Natural to have fears. To remember God is with us through our fear. He is a protector.
- We all have fears to deal with, especially when bad things happen (parents extremely worried about their children instead of praying)
- It's not just for the new year but for always.
- Hopefully we will return to this discussion in the future
- Fear of Death
- Was hard to retain in a practical way

2. Helpful truth/concept from Part 1

- Jesus is enough
- That fear is a state of mind and this can be changed by conquering our fears. Is God enough do we truly trust him
- "fear paralyzes us from approaching our problems head-on"
- Fear reveals where I am not trusting God
- God is with us always. We need to get closer to God and he will draw closer to us.
- We need to focus on the desire to have his presence with us and be content. He knows our needs.
- "Jesus is stronger than all our fears"
- I would have to review previous notes

3. FoG a negative for most people True ////////// False

- Can't speak for most people

4. FOG for you Positive ////////// Negative /

- But sometimes negative. We need to trust God and His Word.
- Both

5. Why do people think FoG is a bad thing?

- Because to a non Christian it sounds like followers are being forced to do things and have no freedom.
- Fear is usually painful in human relationships, we avoid those we fear
- I think that people would say why should we fear a god is a god of love. Does He contradict Him self
- Fear makes us uncomfortable and paralyzed and we want to move the other direction
- Probably don't understand it; perhaps see God as punishing, as all about rules, distant and aloof
- Maybe are not walking close with God or take the wrong interpretation of FEAR
- Because they look at it as being AFRAID or terribly scared. God doesn't exactly want us trembling.
- They don't truly know God. Trust sets us free.
- Fear of punishment – judgment – pain
- Because they have to think about the Lord's control when they want to control their own lives.

- It know it's a good thing but we are taught not to fear – maybe “respectful reverence for God” is better
6. What are positive aspects of FoG?
- Respect awe of God's power, wisdom, knowledge, love gratitude commitment
 - That if we obey his commands and listen to what he says we will naturally want to please Him. its like when we are kids when we are afraid of our parents we will fear them when we think they will find out something that we have done wrong because we know that we have disappointed them by disobeying there rules. We know they love us and care for us that's why we feel so bad when we think we have let them down.
 - Respect & awe
 - It right-sizes me! I need to know that he is God and I am not. It leads me to worship.
 - The word “FEAR” > How does that relate to a loving God?
 - To acknowledge his power & greatness
 - It may sometimes make people think before they do something
 - It may cause us to think before we do something regretful.
 - What about “Fear not, for I am with you.” Says the Lord.
 - Respect – adoration – confidence in power to carry us through anything
 - It shows proper respect to the Lord, it brings comfort to know we are safe in the hands of a sovereign God
 - Hard to loose the negative concept of feeling strange
7. How can a person cultivate a healthy appreciation for the FoG?
- Live in God's presence open your eyes and your heart to the world around you be in the world but not of the world
 - Buy getting to know the true character of God by reading the Bible
 - Recognize it is not a fear as much as a deep respect for God
 - A personal relationship with God is a must. Being in His Word to learn about His ways and His character. Time: the longer I walk with God and experience His love & faithfulness the more I can trust Him and be in awe of Him rather than afraid of Him.
 - Work at understanding what the fear of God means
 - Probably the best way is drawing close to God in his Word and prayer.
 - Remember God loves us so much he can't take his eyes off us. Look at it as awe, not the kind of fear that frightens you. A respect for God and his love for us.
 - Trust God because of His love for us.
 - Read Bible, trust God, talk to God
 - Read & study the Bible, Pray, attend a Bible-believing church, associate with godly people
 - Trust and obey. Faithfully reading His word