FEAR NOT, PART 2 MOVING BEYOND FEAR

Exodus 14:10-15

The more we trust God with our fears, the more we will participate in his plan to recapture the world.

God will LEAD his people into challenging situations for his glory and their good.

We have to recognize that God has something to do with the challenges we find ourselves in. (13:20-22)

We have to recognize that God is telling a larger story than the difficult scene we're in right now. (14:4)

We have to recognize that God is "stirring up our nest" in love, not cruelty. (Deut 32:10-11)

God will ALLOW his people to respond to fearful situations in their own fleshly way—for a time.

When the fearful situation hits, we may feel a paralyzing sense of panic, dread, or terror. (14:10a)

When the fearful situation hits, we may suddenly get "spiritual" and cry out to the Lord. (14:10b)

When the fearful situation hits, we may lash out at others with snarky words or hostile actions. (14:11)

When the fearful situation hits, we may find someone around us to blame for the crisis. (14:12)

When the fearful situation hits, we may get disoriented and forget the promises of God. (3:16-17)

God will INSTRUCT his people to make a conscious choice to trust him in the midst of their challenge.

We will be instructed to obey God's command to not stay fixed in our fear. (14:13a)

We will be instructed to present ourselves to the God who is present to us. (14:13b; Isa 41:10)

We will be instructed to be still and watch God work on our behalf like a master craftsman. (14:13c-14)

God will CHALLENGE his people to step out in faith and keep following him scene by scene.

We will be told by God to "move on" from our current state of fear to a new dimension of faith. (14:15)

We will be able to celebrate what God does in us, for us, and through us when we take that step. (15:1-21)

We will be prepared to take greater steps of faith in new and more challenging scenes. (Josh 3:8, 15-17)