**Facing Your Fears**

Psalm 56

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**Psalm 56:7 (NKJV)**Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

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**Psalm 56:12 (NKJV)**Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,

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***“My greatest fear is to go through life living small but not realizing it until it’s too late.” – Rebekka, Stuttgart, Germany.***

***“My greatest fear would be missing out on my purpose here on earth. … I know I have a purpose that I am not yet serving.” – Danielle, Sacramento.***

***“My greatest fear is regretting all that I didn’t do, as I lay in my hospital bed as an elderly man.” – Ralph, North Brunswick***

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