## **Facing Your Fears**

Psalm 56

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#### **Psalm 56:2 (NKJV)**

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Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

#### **Psalm 56:4 (NKJV)**

In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

## **Psalm 56:5 (NKJV)**

All day they twist my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

## **Psalm 56:6 (NKJV)**

They gather together, they hide, they mark my steps, when they lie in wait for my life.

## **Psalm 56:7 (NKJV)**

Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

#### **Psalm 56:8 (NKJV)**

You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?

#### **Psalm 56:9 (NKJV)**

When I cry out to You, then my enemies will turn back; this I know, because God is for me.

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## **Psalm 56:12 (NKJV)**

Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,

#### **Psalm 56:13 (NKJV)**

For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God In the light of the living?

## 1. The Reality of Fear

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"My biggest fear is never taking a risk in an effort to find my true calling." – Anthony, New York City.

"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

# 3. The Requirement of Following

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Other people can help you, but only Jesus can heal you. Only Jesus can heal you, but other people can help you.