

Genesis

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Theme: Beginnings

Genesis 3:10; Genesis 15:1; Genesis 18:15; Genesis 19:30; Genesis 20:8; Genesis 21:17; Genesis 26:7; Genesis 26:24; Genesis 28:17; Genesis 31:31; Genesis 32:7; Genesis 35:17; Genesis 42:35; Genesis 43:18; Genesis 43:23; Genesis 46:3; Genesis 50:19; Genesis 50:21

The book of Genesis highlights *eighteen* fearful conversations with God. Like it or not, anxiety forces you to tell the truth. Like vomit purging the body or labored breathing forcing you to slow down, it stops time. Fear begs you to ask the question, “In what ways haven’t I been honest with myself, with others or with God?”

DAY ONE

Genesis 3:10

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

I had no idea what I was getting into when I started looking up verses that mention fear in the Bible. The first mention of fear, also known as *yare'* in Hebrew, means to fear, revere, be afraid, to stand in awe, be awed, honor, respect, to be fearful, be dreadful, be feared, to cause astonishment and awe, be held in awe, to inspire reverence or godly fear or awe, to make afraid, terrify, to shoot, pour.³

I love that the first mention of fear is a conversation between the Lord and Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. "And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?'" (Genesis 3:8-9)

Today, be encouraged that you are not alone. The Lord knows your pain. He sees you standing behind a tree. He calls you forth from behind your fear to face Him so that He can set you free.

Question: Imagine the Lord asking you, "Where are you?"

DAY TWO

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

Today we read about the second fearful conversation between man and God. Yesterday, the Lord asked Adam and Eve, "Where are you?" It was a simple question with a profound response. Adam and Eve were *afraid* because they realized that they were naked, so they hid from the Lord.

Today, God comes to Abram in a vision and tells him to *fear not*. The Lord is his protection. His reward will be so great that he can't even number his children. They will be as numerous as the stars.

Can you imagine God coming to you in a vision and blessing you beyond your wildest dreams? I can, because He has blessed me richly.

Question: Have you ever had a dream that you remembered? Why was it significant?