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Fear Not: Part 2

Fear of what others think or say will be a limiting factor in your life—keeping you from following God’s direction and embracing His plan for your life.

You can live your life to please _____ or you can live your life to please _____, but you can’t do both.

Matthew 1:18–25

Living for God Instead of People

1. Pleasing God often means _____ people. *(Matthew 1:18–19)*

- Becoming obsessed with what **people** think about you is the quickest way to forget what **God** thinks about you.
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2. If you’re not ready to be _____ for your obedience to God, you’re not ready to be used by God. *(Matthew 1:18–19)*

- Everything significant you will ever do for God will meet resistance. There will always be those who ridicule you and even reject you as you choose to follow God.
- 3. Extraordinary acts of God often start with ordinary acts of _____. *(Matthew 1:20–21)*
- Joseph chose obedience to God over fear of man and became a part of God’s redemption story.
- You don’t have to understand completely to obey immediately. As you take the step of obedience, God will lead the way.

We always give our best to what we _____.
If you value what people think, you will live for them. If you value God, you will live for God.

Answers: man, God; disappointing; criticized; obedience; value most

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