Living Free, Part 2: Faith Over Fear of People

Luke 12:8-12 ESV

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Q: How do we live in faith over fear of what others think?

[8] "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,

[9] but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. - Luke 12:8-9

Step 1: We _____ Jesus as our Lord and Savior and acknowledge Him openly with others. (Luke 12:8-9)

[6] Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – John 14:6

- Acknowledge = admit what is real or true.

- Testimony = evidence in support of a fact or statement.

[37] Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. – Matthew 5:37

- When we acknowledge God, our faith & loyalty become visible.

Live it out: Do I have a personal relationship with Jesus? Am I afraid to acknowledge my relationship with Jesus to others?

[10] And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. - Luke 12:10

What is blasphemy?

Blasphemy = to curse (disrespect; insult) God's name (Leviticus 24:10-16).

[11] And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say,

[12] for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." - Luke 12:11-12

Step 2: We _____ on the Holy Spirit to guide our words when our faith is challenged. (Luke 12:11-12)

[4] I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. – Psalm 34:4

[1] The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? – Psalm 27:1

Live it out:
When have I stayed quiet about my faith because I feared what someone would think? How can I depend on the Holy Spirit the next time?