REAL MOMENTUM

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A Man & The Fear of Man

1. Man's captive

- 1. Insecurity
 - placing
 - job title, children, spouse, money, 401k
 - criticism
 - cannot
- 2. Ignorance
 - awe
- 3. Idolatry
 - God
 - gone
 - barrier

2. God's

- 1. Unleashed
- 2. Unhindered
- 3. Unashamed



a movement of men transforming families & churches to the ends of the earth

"The fear of man brings a snare" Proverbs 29:25

Ask God to speak to you as you ponder these questions honestly to help you determine what the "fear of man" may look like in your life.

- Are you obsessed with the approval of others?
- Do you overstate your views in order to gain favor with men?
- Do you understate your positions in order to gain the approval of others?
- Are you afraid to confront sin because of possible negative outcomes?
- Are you silent in opportunities to speak up for a just cause?
- Does your audience dictate the slant that you take on an issue?
- Do you tolerate malicious slander by letting it slide because you are afraid of the consequences if you speak out?
- Do you say negative, or harmful, things about people because you know the people you are speaking to hold those negative opinions?
- Are you more concerned about what fallible men think of you than what Almighty God thinks about you?
- Do you feel a knot in your stomach every time someone disagrees with you?
- Is your appreciation of people based upon their approval of you?
- Are you in bondage to the expectations of your friends? Your "network"? Your alma mater?
- Does your dread of "being found out" keep you from confessing your sins to a trusted friend who could help you?
- Are you more fearful of what you stand to lose by telling the truth, or the loss of your self-respect that comes by telling a lie?
- Do you find it difficult to be corrected?
- Are you devastated by rejection?
- Are you afraid to discipline your children properly because you have an inordinate desire for their approval?
- Do you discipline your children severely because of the way that they make you look in the eyes of your peers?
- Do you overlook mis-statements of truth and exaggerations because you are afraid of conflict?
- Do you repeat unkind, unnecessary, and untrue things about others to curry favor with the people you are associating with?
- Does your insecurity lead you to criticize others?
- Do you have to have the "last word" even when your opinion is unrequested?
- Is it okay with you if your friends ostracize you because you choose to honor God?
- Do you find it acceptable it if people don't like you, but God does?
- Have you ever felt a strong prompting to witness to someone, but found yourself bound by fear of potential denunciation?
- Are you obsessed with having the right clothes, the right hair, the right music, the right car, or the right house?
- Are you forever chasing fads because you want to be "with it"?
- What is more important to you, your "social image" or your identity in Christ?
- When you see a friend wandering off into moral chaos, are you reluctant to speak out for fear of being scorned?
- Do you lie to protect your image, position, or status?
- Are you easily embarrassed?
- Are you intimated by people that have stronger convictions than you?

- Are you critical of people who have less stringent convictions than you?
 Whose reputation is more important: yours or God's?