

control as a response to their fears. A religious posture is actually faith in ourselves and our abilities. But Life With God points to a different kind of faith where we let go of faith in ourselves and trust in God's skill and faithfulness to give us a landing in the end.

**Intro:** Intro – The two voices Martin Luther King Jr. heard

## I. Fear & control - Review

A. Religion as a means to address \_\_\_\_\_  
to gain control

1. Life under God
2. Life over God
3. Life from God
4. Life for God

B. The \_\_\_\_\_-Fear-Control Cycle

## II. Fear & faith

A. Nouwen's trapeze illustration

B. Faith

1. With the 4 religious postures, our faith is in \_\_\_\_\_
2. The trapeze illustration points to a different kind of faith

A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ & God Our Shepherd

1. David & Psalm 23 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus our Good \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:14-15, 27-30)

B. Relationship & Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:39)

C. MLK's assassination – Life with God ...

1. ...is based on Treasuring God \_\_\_\_\_ all else (1 John 2:15)
2. ...begins now & never \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 28:20)
3. ...which takes away our fear of \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Conclusion

A. Challenge: Surrender your life into the loving care of your Good Shepherd

B. A new cycle of Surrender-Safety-Faith

C. Application: What are some steps you can take toward surrendering your life into the loving care of your Good Shepherd?

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