Overcoming Fear By Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- And reading the 11th Psalm, you would just be able to tell just by reading that this is a time of fear. And yet David can say that he's not afraid.
- No, he may have had fear, but ultimately he's not afraid because he knows who he has refuge in.
- David is reflecting on his time in Saul's court before he will ultimately have to flee for his life.

1 Real Faith Knows Its Refuge

Psalm 11:1–3; 1 Samuel 18:9–11

- How can you say to my soul, flee as a bird to your mountain?
- Saul is no longer just. Saul is no longer righteous.
- And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, I will pin David to the wall.
- Real faith knows its refuge. But it's not within man, it's not within this world, but the refuge that we need is in God and in God alone.

2 Faith Has a Firm Foundation

Psalm 11:4–6

- Why David can take such refuge in the Lord? That's because his faith has a foundation.
- The Lord is in his holy temple. The Lord's throne is in heaven.
- The Lord knows all this. You're not telling me anything that the Lord doesn't know already. For he is enthroned on high.
- And so ultimately, David can't really do anything to fix the situation. But the Lord can.
- Faith has a firm foundation. David can take his refuge in the Lord, for he knows it is the Lord who reigns over all.

3 Faith Will Be Rewarded

Psalm 11:7

- Faith will be rewarded. The Lord is righteous.
- Our holy God, who is just and righteous, looks for the same qualities in his people.
- And so the great conclusion, the upright will behold his face.
- He's not saying I'll trust in the Lord because he'll save my skin. He's saying I'm going to trust in the Lord because I long one day to see his face.
- This is more than just benefiting me. This is love.

4 Faith Conquers Fear

- Faith conquers fear. And again, I don't mean to intimate that David never had a fearful moment.

- What safety and security does money really offer us ultimately? Not much. Markets can crash, thieves can break in and steal.
- The government, no matter how big or how strong, they can't stop evil men from doing evil things.
- Nothing that man can devise is going to offer you final and complete safety and security.
- The best safety for my family is me getting on my knees on a daily basis and asking God to watch over them.

5 Trust in God Is Ultimately Vindicated

- If the Lord is our refuge, then why do truly awful things happen to some of even the Lord's people?
- He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he delights in him, for he said, I am the Son of God.
- But as you know the conclusion of the story, that trust in God is ultimately vindicated.
- Does he suffer? Does he die? Certainly. But he also rose. And he ascended on high.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you go to our great God and Father in prayer with me at this time?**

MY NOTES