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**A Christian Response to the Corona Virus**  
**By Louie Marsh, 3-22-2020**

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**ROOTS OF FEAR**

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<sup>9</sup> *But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"* <sup>10</sup> *And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."* Genesis 3:9-10 (ESV)

2) Lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>28</sup> *And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."* <sup>29</sup> *He said, "Come."* So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."* <sup>31</sup> *Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"* Matthew 14:28-31 (ESV)

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**NATURE OF FEAR**

1) Fear is always \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>32</sup> *So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. <sup>33</sup> And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."* <sup>1</sup> *Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night.* Numbers 13:32-14:1 (ESV)

2) Fear leads me away from God & into \_\_\_\_\_.

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*He denied it and said, "I am not."* <sup>26</sup> *One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"* <sup>27</sup> *Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.* John 18:25-27 (ESV)

**HOW TO DEAL WITH FEAR**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ my mind on God.

<sup>2</sup> *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Romans 12:2 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> *The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.* <sup>15</sup> *The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.* <sup>16</sup> *"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.* 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (ESV)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ myself to the Lordship of Jesus.

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<sup>9</sup> *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* <sup>10</sup> *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* <sup>11</sup> *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father* Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)

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