

GOD'S PROMISES AND MY FEARS
#SermonFear
God's Practical Promises - Part 1
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Exodus 14:1-15

Exodus 14:10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. **They were terrified** and cried out to the Lord. (NIV)

WHAT FEAR DOES TO US:

1. IT MAKES US SKEPTICAL

Exodus 14:11a **Why** did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? (NLT)

2. IT MAKES US SELFISH

Exodus 14:11b ...What have you **done to us?** Why did you **make us** leave Egypt? (NLT)

3. IT MAKES US STUBBORN

Exodus 14:12a **Didn't we tell you** before we left that this would happen? **We told you** to leave us alone... (TEV)

4. IT MAKES US SHORT-SIGHTED

Exodus 14:12b ...We said it would be **better to be slaves** to the Egyptians than dead in the wilderness. (LB)

HOW TO TAKE RISKS BY FAITH:

1. GET THE FACTS

Proverbs 13:16a Every prudent man **acts out of knowledge**... (NIV)

Proverbs 23:23 **Get the facts** at any price... (LB)

2. COUNT THE COST

Luke 14:28, 31 Don't begin until you **count the cost**. Who would begin construction of a building without **first getting estimates**...? ³¹ Or what king would dream of going to war without **first sitting down with his counselors**...? (LB)

Proverbs 20:25 It is foolish and rash to make a promise to the Lord before **counting the cost**. (LB)

3. PLAN YOUR STEPS

Proverbs 14:15b ...a prudent man **gives thought to his steps**. (NIV)

Proverbs 16:9 We should **make plans**—counting on **God to direct us**. (LB)

Proverbs 20:18 **Make plans** by **seeking advice**... (NIV)

4. ANNOUNCE YOUR GOALS

James 4:15 What you should say is this: "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that." (TEV)

5. LET GO AND LAUNCH OUT

Psalms 56:3a But **when I am afraid**, I will put my **confidence in you**. Yes, **I will trust the promises of God**. (LB)

Exodus 14:15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Quit praying and **get the people moving! Forward, march!**" (LB)

Luke 19:26 ...**Risk your life** and get more than you ever dreamed of. **Play it safe** and end up holding the bag. (MSG)