



SERIES: July Series “OFF ROADING”

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Scripture: Psalm 56:3-4; 11-13

TITLE: No Fear

Anxious - I think that's a good word that describes the mood of people over the past two years. We've been living in an intense election cycle that still has lingering tremors. We've come out of a pandemic that has divided the country, churches, families, and friendships. We're trying to navigate inflation in goods, gas, and interest rates. Oh, and did I mention that we can be under attack for our faith wherever we turn? These realities cause us to be anxious.

Well, King David new adversity. He knew both self-inflicted and faith-derived hardship that caused him anxiety as well. Listen to his solution in Psalm 56:3-4 (NLT) “[But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. ⁴I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?](#)”

David was confident in the power, the provision, and the sovereignty of God. So much of our problem is rooted in the fact that we focus on the problem and not on God. Our problems always seem bigger than God, when our focus is on them.

In Psalm 56, David has been seized by the Philistines. He had every human reason to be afraid. His life was on the line. But what does he say, “When I am afraid, I will trust you.”

David goes on to say, “[I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me? ¹²I will fulfill my vows to you, O God, and will offer a sacrifice of thanks for your help. ¹³For you have rescued me from death; you have kept my feet from slipping. So now I can walk in your presence, O God, in your life-giving light.](#)”

Friend, if God is truly God, and we know He is, even death itself has no power over us. Because if we should die, our bodies may rot, but our souls go immediately into the presence of God. But chances are, we are not facing death like King David. We are instead facing rejection, inflation, or cultural frustration. Yes, it's not good. Yes, it's not what we desire. But when God is watching over it all, what do we have to fear?

So here's my challenge for you today: Put your trust in God. How? I'd suggest reflecting on the faithfulness of God in your life. How has He protected you? How has He provided for you? How has He saved you? Helped you?

When we fix our eyes on God and remember His faithfulness, it provides supports and anchors to trusting Him in the present circumstance.

So fix your eyes on God. Trust in Him, so you have no reason to fear. When we do this, we will win the day.