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Heavenly Dad (Jeremiah 32:38-41)

Why does my heavenly Dad want me to fear Him?

Warmup: What was your fear when you were a child? What are some grown-up fears that you have right now?

READ Jeremiah 32:38-41

- When God challenges us to fear him, what do you think he is talking about? How is this fear different than your fear as a child of monsters under your bed?
- What benefits does God give to people who fear him?
- We have a choice between fearing what God thinks about us or fearing what man thinks about us. Read Proverbs 29:25 and discuss the difference between fearing man and fearing God. What is God saying to you in these verses?

REFLECT

- Fear, is to place enough importance on a person or idea so that it influences your behavior. How many regrets do you have in your life because you just wanted to fit in?
- Read and respond to the following quote “God says don't fear man. Don't listen to those voices. They will steer you toward insecurity and hurt and pain and anger. But really, you knew that didn't you? You and I have both lived it. We care about so many people's opinions that trying to live up to what they think is exhausting.”

RESPOND

- Read the following verses and make a list of all the benefits you receive when you fear God and your primary concern is what He thinks of you and not what everyone else thinks of you.
- Deuteronomy 5:29
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- Psalm 103:13
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- Psalm 103:17
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- Psalm 112:1-3
- What steps do you need to take to be more concerned with the opinion of God than the opinion of all the other voices in your life?

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