



MARK: THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

“The Folly of Fear in the Presence of Jesus”

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James 1:5–6 (ESV)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

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Hosea 6:2 (ESV)

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1. Never be afraid or hesitant to ask the Lord for understanding of a matter for which you lack judgment. He is more willing to give us understanding than we are willing to ask for it.

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2. Never fear the searching questions of Jesus that come to us through His Word and His Spirit. They are designed to help us search our hearts and discover those thoughts and attitudes that do not belong in the life of His disciples.

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3. Fear is **childish**, while a heart of humble service is the **child-like** mark of true greatness in the kingdom that Jesus is building.