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<p>Theme: Healthy fear?</p>	<p>Date: 26 Sep 2012</p>
<p>Scripture: 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.</p> <p>1 Thess 4:7-8</p> 	<p>Comment: In the work that we do we come across people who are struggling with themselves and their relationships. Recently I was encouraged when a couple who over years had grown apart resolved to take action to deal with the wedge that now sat between them. They didn't really want to but were prepared to give it a go. So we got onto discussing simple changes that could be made which might lead to improvement. Both departed with hope in their eyes.</p> <p>It struck me afterwards that their fear of God was healthy and manifested in a desire to please God, to take action and not to give up.</p> <p>Whilst our God is all loving he is also faithful, just and all-powerful... and he hates Sin. Does your fear prompt the "right" response from you? How would it look if you had more fear for God?</p>
<p>Prayer (as a couple): Dear Lord, thank you for who you are, just, loving, faithful and all powerful. Help me know this in my head and heart and to respond in a way that pleases you. Help me to love (partner) in a Christ like way. To be intentional and not to be complacent. Help us to identify and remove any wedges that are growing between us. Amen.</p>	<p>Prayer (for others): Dear Lord we pray for and and for other couples in our community. May you give them a new sense of whom you are and where appropriate; to grow in fear and awe of you, with this manifesting in Christ like love for one another. Amen</p>
<p>Final quote: "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver; "don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you." — C.S. Lewis, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</p>	

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.

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