



## THE BIG IDEA

Fear produces wonderful results, externally, but internally it corrodes us. Reverence and awe, on the other hand also produce wonderful results externally, but internally they make us more alive..

## WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

Everyone is afraid of something, and if we let our fear drive our lives, we will slowly die inside.

## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Do the work to grow in our faith. Revere and trust the goodness of God.

## START HERE

During Lent, we are exploring different themes in the Book of Job. We will be covering a number of topics, and we want our entire church to be a part of the conversation. If you missed the message on Sunday, you can catch up [here](#).

## CONVERSATION GUIDE

*In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East. His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.*

-Job 1:1-5

### Fear

The text says Job "feared God and shunned evil." How does Job's fear shape his relationship with God? How is "fear" of God a good thing? How is it not?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Book: *Things Hidden in Scripture* - Richard Rohr
- Forefront Blog- [READ](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 23

- Introverts Gathering

### February 24

- Newcomers Dinner

## Reverence

What is the difference between fear and reverence? Take some time and examine the effects that fear and reverence have on your individual faith.

# BENEDICTION

In closing, pray this prayer together. Read aloud the words in bold.

In this season of Lent, take time, when you can, to be still.

Ponder the one who gave his life to bring forth the kingdom of God.

**We will honor Christ by believing in God's vision for creation;**

**We will be like good soil, in which the seeds of justice may grow.**

**God speaks to us in the life of Jesus;**

**Let us hear the word and understand it.**

**We are witnesses to God's transforming power;**

**We go forth as Christ's partners in the work of justice and love..**