

“WHO’S GOT YOUR BACK?”

EXODUS 14:15-31

God’s plan for Adam and Eve was to live forever in the garden with the tree of life at arm’s length. Unfortunately, the choice to sin brought death and everything was turned upside down in the bleakest chapter (Genesis 3) of the O.T.

RESPONSES TO FEAR

① F_____.

It’s a form of self-_____ as you take things into your own hands and exit.

When fear grips you, perspective/perception often go away. Instead of _____ to God, you _____ from God.

② F_____.

This is the first act of _____ - _____. Ultimately, Adam points the accusatory finger at the Creator.

Eve isn’t any different. Given an opportunity to repent, she _____ Adam.

③ F_____.

The _____ of people and circumstances will tempt you to focus on what you see and thus you will walk by sight. But the _____ of God and His presence and protection encourages you to focus on what you do not see but do believe (2 Cor. 5:7).

Fear can drive you to faith in the Father or, on the opposite end, to “fight” and “flight” behavior. Where does it drive you?

CONCLUSION

Everything’s coming up roses for the Israelites. They’ve been liberated from Egypt with God leading their way. But a few days into their journey, they arrive at a crossroads. The desert and water surround them. Adding to their dilemma is what they see when they look back toward Egypt: Pharaoh and his army fast approaching them. How will these followers of God respond?

Initially, they f_____ with God and ponder f_____ from Him and back into the hands of their antagonist. But having regained their attention, God gives the Israelites an opportunity to walk by f_____. If they will reinsert Him into their picture, they can do just that! With God behind them and the water before them, they head into the sea. By faith, they take God at His word and press on in obedience.

It all comes together here – fight, flee and faith! The Israelites have f_____, so they need not flee or fight. The Egyptians have no f_____ and no f_____, so they can only but flee. You can trust Him. So when the next threat comes your way, you have three options:

- 1) A_____ → take things into your own hands and fight
- 2) A_____ → take things into your own hands and flee
- 3) A_____ → entrust yourself to the Lord and walk in faith

Who’s got your back? In Christ, He’s got you covered!