# Dr. Jim Schettler We are More Than Conquerors Series Conquering Anxiety (Isaiah 41:10)

#### Introduction:

- Anxiety has been labeled "The official \_\_\_\_\_\_ of our society".
- The pace of our culture and the absence of God in our lives has left us with feelings of Fear, Apprehension, and \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Anxiety stems from taking on \_\_\_\_\_\_ that God should be handling. (I Peter 5:7)
- Unbelief in God's sovereignty and goodness has shifted our burdens to \_\_\_\_\_\_ The more God is removed from our lives, the greater the stress and weight of life is on us.

#### WHAT IS THE CONQUERING CURE FOR ANXIETY?

# 1. Faith in God and His \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 8:22-25)

• The Disciples had faith, but not in the right \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ask yourself 3 questions:
  - 1. Where is your \_\_\_\_\_? (Emotions, logic, experience, etc.)
  - 2. Who are you \_\_\_\_\_\_ to? (social media, co-workers, family)
  - 3. What are you \_\_\_\_\_\_ on? (sight, news, google, friends)
- In the Luke 8 story of Jesus, Jesus had clearly promised the disciples they were going to the other \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sea. God's promises don't \_\_\_\_\_\_ because of storms, situations, suffering, or struggles. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_ turned from HIS words to the presents winds of adversity at which time they began to worry, fret, and become anxious. We must find God's Scriptures as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ for our own souls.
- Put your faith in God's Promises of who HE is and what HE has done in the past.

\*What promises from HIS Word have helped you in the past?

\*What events in your life have you seen God's protection, provision, and presence?

#### 2. Examine the Fear (Joshua 6:1-16)

- Israel was to walk around Jericho 13 times for them to \_\_\_\_\_\_ their fear and realize that only God can and will tear those walls down.
- Maybe some concern has popped up quickly in our lives and caught us unaware. Take a moment to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the immediate worry.
- Do you know of \_\_\_\_\_\_ wo have passed through this valley or trouble? Speak with them and gain counsel from others who have conquered your same fears. (II Timothy 1:7-12)

\*What do you need to research, study, and find out about to conquer it?

#### 3. Attack the Fear \_\_\_\_\_\_ on (Daniel 3:15-18)

• Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego confronted their fear of being thrown into a fiery furnace head on and said to the most powerful king in the world, "...we are not

(anxious) to answer thee....." (3:16)! They would not bow, but faced their fear as a soldier going to battle.

- To conquer anxiety, you must \_\_\_\_\_\_ and go after your perceived greatest \_\_\_\_\_\_ with God's armor on.
- Like learning how to ride a bike, you must \_\_\_\_\_\_ and go forward in order to steer the bike. In order to conquer a fear, you have to begin to pedal (take steps) to see \_\_\_\_\_\_. God can guide you and help you as you pedal in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A missionary once said he never would have done anything for the cause of Christ if he had not attacked his \_\_\_\_\_\_ and started going right at what he worried about the most. (I Peter 5:7)

\*Are you ready to go after your fear head on?

## 4. Request God for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 56:3, Philippians 4:6)

• When should you \_\_\_\_\_\_ out to God for help?

~When you're: afraid, stressed out, overwhelmed, burdened, unable, \_\_\_\_\_!

- How should you cry out to God for help?
  - 1. With Scriptures on your tongue (Psalm 34:6-8)
  - 2. With Hope in your heart (Lamentations 3:22-26)
  - 3. With Christ in your vision (Hebrews 12:2,3)
- Why should you cry out to God for help?
  - 1. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ you! (I John 4:16-18)
  - 2. He \_\_\_\_\_ you to (Philippians 4:6)
  - 3. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 3:20)

# Stop Freaking Out and Start Conquering with:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in God and His Word.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Facts.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ your fear head on.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ God for help.