

# Fears

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I am well acquainted with fear. It has been a companion of mine for as long as I can remember. As a young child, I would cry every time my mom would go on a road trip, even if it was only for a day. I was desperately afraid that she would die. When I was 17, I moved to Oregon for a discipleship program with YWAM for five months. When my parents left me for their drive back to BC, I remember a friend comforting me as I cried and cried, fearing they would have an accident on their way home. These fears continued into adulthood. Once I became a mother, I began to fear my own death. I sought prayer, deliverance and freedom, but to no avail.

In November of 1994, I went to a conference in my city. I was seven months pregnant at the time with my third child, our daughter Mia. When I went, I pleaded for release from my fears. I didn't want to leave until I was set free. Late one evening the opportunity arose for me to receive prayer. I remember sitting on a chair with my palms upward on my lap and my eyes closed. A group of three or four strangers gathered around me. I didn't say anything about my request. As they began to pray, one woman spoke out, "I say yes to life eternal." In my mind I said, "But I also want to live now!" Then she spoke out, "I say yes to life here and now."

At one o'clock in the morning I arrived home, woke up Steve by exclaiming, "I'm going to live! I'm going to live!" Those words spoken over me by a complete stranger ended my lifelong battle fearing death. I was free!

I told a friend later that I didn't feel I received a promise to live a long life, but I received freedom that when the time comes, I will die having truly lived, rather than living my whole life in fear of death.

*Listening To God Through Our Hearts*

# What am I afraid of?

*A lifestyle of listening will likely bring you face to face with some of your darkest fears. Many are finding life and peace as they are willing to let God speak into their fears. As you identify what you are afraid of and surrender to God’s truth, what do you hear?*

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*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).*