

PARENTING: Wisdom for Mothering

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In chapter 11 of *Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear*, Wayne and Josh Mack describe how people who fear God in the biblical sense also trust Him.

- People who fear God trust His **omnipotence**—that He is all-powerful
- People who fear God trust His **omniscience**—that He is all-wise and all-knowing
- People who fear God trust His **omnipresence**—that He is present everywhere and they can never be out of His presence
- People who fear God trust His **goodness**—that He is loving, gracious, merciful, patient and willing to forgive
- People who fear God trust His **truthfulness**—that He will not and cannot lie. He will keep all His promises, and whatever He says in His Word is true.
- People who fear God trust in His **faithfulness** and **changelessness**—that He isn't one thing one day and something else the next.
- People who fear God trust in **His interpretation of reality**—that He knows exactly what is happening, why it happens, and what to do about it to make it right.
- People who fear God trust **what He has to say about the way they should live, about what is right and wrong; that His ways are best.**
- People who fear God trust **His Word so completely that they make it the standard by which they evaluate all things and believe that any idea that does not line up with Scripture is wrong.**

Thinking about a pressing decision that seems to have no clear and wise answer, discuss the following questions in light of this difficult topic.

1. How do the three “omni” characteristics of God help me trust Him in my decision that I have to make?

His omnipotence:

His omniscience:

His omnipresence:

2. How does God's goodness impact my decision?
3. What does God's truthfulness mean to me in this hard choice?
4. What characteristics of God inform me that I can trust Him as I make this decision?
5. Write a brief description of what a God-fearing woman would think and how she would act in the face of this situation. Include how she would respond to others who question her, perhaps judge her motives, based on her decision.
6. What comfort have you drawn today from considering the fear of the Lord in your role as mother?