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We sometimes think we are less spiritual for letting God or others know about our fears.

2. We must turn our \_\_\_\_\_ to seek the Lord.

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Turning our focus to Christ and his Power rather than concentrating on the sources of our fear, is the first step to gaining a fixed focus of faith.

3. God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.

That means he is Sovereign, ruling over all. He knows your past, present, and future. God wants you to trust him and not be afraid. Meditating on his word reminds you of his conquering power.

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4. Fear \_\_\_\_\_ is faith \_\_\_\_\_.

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