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PERSPECTIVE  
II CORINTHIANS 5:1-15

1. Perspective: \_\_\_\_\_ the big \_\_\_\_\_! This \_\_\_\_\_ life is \_\_\_\_\_ all  
\_\_\_\_\_ is. (v. 1-5)

2. Perspective: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 6-10)

3. Perspective: \_\_\_\_\_ life \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. Let your  
\_\_\_\_\_ reflect \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 11-15)

DAY 1

**The Loving Father Woos You from the Fear of Man**

**Pray:** Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe." As you come before the Lord to study, ask him to reveal to you any areas of your heart that have a tendency to be controlled by the fear of man. Thank the Lord that you are safe in Him and that He is fully trustworthy.

**Memorize:** Begin today by reviewing Psalm 46:1-3. This week we will be memorizing Psalm 46:10. Read our verse now and write it on the lines below.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

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**Study:** Read and complete pages 51-54 in your workbook, up to the section titled "Love Expels Fear".

**Pray:** How has the Lord been working in your heart as you have studied today? Respond to Him by writing a prayer on the lines below.

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DAY 2

**Love Expels Fear**

**Pray:** 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." Thank the Lord that His love is the remedy for fear in your life. Ask Him to reveal the depth of His love for you as you study so that you can walk in freedom from fear.

**Memorize:** Repeat the first part of our memory verse for this week out loud a few times. Quietly bask in God's presence as you repeat the phrase.

Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God."

**Study:** Read and complete pages 54-57 in your workbook, up to the section titled “Fear and Shame”.

**Pray:** Aren’t you amazed by the gospel’s full revelation of God’s love for you? Read the verses below and use them to write a prayer of response to the Lord.

*1 John 4:9-10: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

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DAY 3

**Fear and Shame**

**Pray:** Isaiah 54:4-5 says, “Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth.” (NIV) Praise the Lord today that because He has redeemed you, you can walk in freedom from fear *and* shame. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften your heart to respond to Him as you study.

**Memorize:** Continue memorizing Psalm 46:10 by repeating the second phrase out loud a few times.

Psalm 46:10, ...“I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**Study:** Read and complete pages 57-60 in your workbook.

**Pray:** As you close your study time today, take a few moments to worship the Lord as the God who is with you. Picture Jesus beside you as you worship Him as: your Maker, the Lord Almighty, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer, and the God of all the earth.

DAY 4

Turn to the Lord

**Pray:** 1 Peter 5:7 says, “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” Thank the Lord that you can turn to him when you are faced with fear. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to any ways that you are not turning to Him in your day to day life.

**Memorize:** Fill in the blanks to complete our memory verse.

Psalm \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_: “Be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that I am \_\_\_\_\_. I will be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, I will be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_!”

**Study:** Today we will be studying a Bible character who turned to the Lord when he could have turned to men in the face of a fearful situation. His name was Asa and he was one of the kings of Judah. Asa was a king who did “what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord.” (2 Chronicles 14:2) Begin by reading some of Asa’s story in 2 Chronicles 14: 8-15 and then answer the questions.

1. What was the situation for Asa and the people of Judah? (vs 8-10)

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2. Asa’s response to this fearful situation was to pray to the Lord. What are some things that you notice about Asa’s prayer in verse 11?

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3. How might Asa have been tempted to trust in people in this situation instead of the Lord?

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4. When faced with fearful circumstances and needs in your own life, how are you tempted to trust in people instead of the Lord?

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5. What can you learn from Asa’s prayerful response that you can apply to your own life?

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6. What were the results of trusting in the Lord for Asa and the Israelites? (vs 12-15)

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7. What are some of the benefits that you've experienced in your own life when you have trusted in the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray:** Focusing on the greatness of God is one tangible step we can take to encourage our hearts when we are tempted to be controlled by the fear of man. We saw Asa doing this as he cried to the Lord in verse 11. Read Isaiah 40: 25-31 now, a passage that speaks to the greatness and majesty of God. Write a prayer of response to the Lord, praising Him for His great power to help you when you are afraid.

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DAY 5

**Don't play the Fool**

**Pray:** Psalm 20:7 says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." Thank the Lord for the opportunities you have been given to trust Him. Ask Him now to help you to choose to trust Him instead of people in every circumstance that you face.

**Memorize:** Review our memory verse by writing it on the line. Then quote Psalm 46:1-3, 10 out loud to review the entire passage we have memorized so far.

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**Study:** Each day we have the opportunity to trust the Lord in our circumstances. Though we may have trusted the Lord in the past, we must be careful to continue to follow Him with our whole hearts. Yesterday we saw how King Asa trusted the Lord in the midst of fearful circumstances. Today we will look at another event in Asa's life, when he chose to trust men instead of the Lord. Begin by reading 2 Chronicles 16: 1-9.

1. What happened in the 36th year of Asa's reign? (vs 1)

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2. What did Asa do? (vs 2-3)

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3. What was the result for Asa and the people of Judah? (vs 4-6)

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4. To the human eye, was there anything wrong with what Asa did? Why or why not?

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5. According to the Lord, what was wrong with Asa's actions? (vs 7)

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6. God's plan was more than King Asa could have imagined: to save the people of Judah by bringing them freedom from the Syrians. Because Asa did not consult the Lord, he did not understand God's purposes and he made a treaty with the very people that God wanted to defeat. Asa's actions may have appeared wise and even beneficial for the people of Judah, but not trusting the Lord ultimately caused Judah to be at war for much longer than they needed to be (vs 9). Why is it that God desires us to turn to Him in the face of fear rather than to people, no matter how logical our actions may appear?

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7. It can be so easy for us to use our own wisdom or listen to the advice of others to make decisions without ever consulting the Lord. God has given us common sense that we need to use, and it is prudent to seek wise counsel when faced with hard choices, but God wants us to turn to Him first! Are you ever tempted to turn to your own wisdom or the wisdom of others without consulting the Lord? Tell about it on the lines below.

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8. Verse 9 gives us an important truth about the Lord. What is it and how is it important to your life?

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9. At the end of verse 9, the Lord tells Asa, "You have done foolishly in this." Not trusting God in every aspect of our life is to, literally translated, "play the fool". How would your actions be different if you daily recognized the foolishness of trusting in other people?

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**Pray:** The Lord is eagerly looking to strengthen and support every person whose heart is fully committed to Him! Write a prayer of response to the Lord now. In it tell the Lord of your desire to turn to Him in every circumstance. Confess any times that you have turned to people instead of to Him. Ask Him for the strength to follow Him with your whole heart.

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