

# Session #1 – Why a Series on AWE?

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**8:12-13**

1. Awe is the experience of liberating amazement in the “awesomeness” of something. In that moment, we are taken outside of ourselves in wonder. Share a time that you have experienced awe in your life.

2. Are you naturally aware of your struggles with fear or would you be more of a “fear skeptic”?

3. Of the 5 “life-influencing” fears mentioned in this study, which kind of fear has the greatest influence over your day-to-day living? (physical threat, scarcity, inadequacy, contempt, or conflict)

4. The premise of this study is that God’s way to fight our fear is with fear. (or awe).

Read the verses below:

*“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, not be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, AND HE WILL BE A SANCTUARY.”* Isaiah 8:12-14a When the fear/awe of God replaces our many other fears, God promises to become a sanctuary for us. What is a sanctuary? What do you hear in this promise to you personally.