

## Ordinary Faith

### Overview:

- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- “Have It Your Way” does not apply to God.

### Explore:

- What are some ways people try to customize God? Give examples.
- How would you describe what it means and what it doesn't mean to “fear God”?
- Read Proverbs 14:27. How have you seen respect for God lead to blessing in your life or the lives of others? (Remember, the Proverbs express general principles of life, not universal promises.)
- What kind of evidence in a person's life would demonstrate that God is really a big deal to them? Or that he is not?
- Read Philippians 2:12-13. What is the relationship between fearing God and obeying God?
- How is God at work to make obedience possible? How does this make you feel?
- How does this study change... How we see God? How we treat others? How we live our lives?
- What changes could you make as a result?
- Who might you discuss this study with this week?

## I Want God MY Way...

**Psalms 50:21** (NIV) *When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly like you.*

**Exodus 15:11** (NLT) *Who is like you among the gods, O Lord – glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders?*

**Ecclesiastes 5:1** (NLT) *As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God.*

**Psalms 36:1-2** (NLT) *Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God at all. In their blind conceit, they cannot see how wicked they really are.*

**Proverbs 9:10** (NLT) *Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.*

**Proverbs 14:27** (NLT) *Fear of the Lord is a life-giving fountain; it offers escape from the snares of death.*

**Proverbs 22:4** (NLT) *True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.*

**Philippians 2:12-13** (NLT) *Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

**Romans 2:4** (NLT) *Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?*

Application and Notes:

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**Kinda Sorta Christian... I Want God MY Way**

*Psalms 50:21*

God deserves our respect and awe.

**Because God is Powerful**

**Because God is Holy**

*Exodus 15:11*

**Because God is Righteous**

*The Correct Response?*

**The Ultimate Disrespect**

*Psalms 36:1-2*

**What we Don't Want...**

If you treat God with respect you will be blessed.

**If God is real & really is a big deal...**

**Fear of God leads to wisdom**

*Proverbs 9:10*

**Fear of God is a fountain of life**

*Proverbs 14:27*

**Fear of God enriches life**

*Proverbs 22:4*

If God is really a big deal, you will obey him.

*Philippians 2:12-13*

**The Fear of the Lord**

*Ps 37:3-5*

**Good news**

*Ephesians 3:16,20*

**The Bible doesn't endorse customized Christianity**

*Romans 2:4*

**Trust Jesus, Honor God, Help Others**