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**The Beginning**

**Proverbs 1:7**

**Fear Defined:**

**Principles:**

- To know God is to fear Him.
- The fear of God is good for us.
- "To give \_\_\_\_\_ power over me" is to fear them.
- We learn the full picture of fear and love at the foot of the cross.

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# REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) How do you define fear? What are you truly afraid of? How do you define the fear of the Lord? See Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Proverbs 1:7; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.
- 2) Your view of God will shape your approach to life. Give some examples of how a correct and incorrect view of God leads to different behaviors and decisions people make.
- 3) Understand that fear and love of God should exist at the same time. Explain how this knowledge of God shapes our lives. See 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Romans 2:2-4; 11:22; John 3:16.
- 4) How do we see the fear and the love of God displayed on the cross? Have you ever entrusted your whole life to this Amazing God? What is your next step in growing with Him?

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## Memory Verse

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*  
*Proverbs 1:7*