

Program 3: The Motive of the Sinner

Open in Prayer

Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment.

Food for Thought

We spoke previously about having a Garden of Gethsemane experience (surrendering your will to the Lord), and how it was in another garden (the Garden of Eden) that man said, "Not Your will, but mine be done." Just as there was a subtle serpent in that garden, so there will be a subtle serpent ever present in your Garden of Gethsemane experience. The Father of Lies has a weapon that will make you continually sweat drops of blood: it is the weapon of fear. So don't listen to his whispers. Every time you go to open your mouth for the Kingdom of God, you can be sure he will be there to say, "You can't do this." But when fear knocks on the door, send the Word of God to open it. Say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. The Lord is my helper; I will not fear."

The great key to conquering the fear of man is not to think of yourself, but to think of the person to whom you're about to speak. What is *your* worst-case scenario? It is simply "rejection." What is *his* worst-case scenario? *He* will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. We don't have a choice—we must "warn every man." Therefore, let compassion swallow your fears, open your mouth boldly, and speak as you ought to speak (Ephesians 6:20).