

BE STILL MY ANXIOUS HEART

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WORRY FEAR ANXIETY STRESS

- 1. Things we don't have control over
 - 1. weather
 - 2. natural disasters
- 2. Things we think we have control over -
 - 1. kids safety, future
 - 2. problems we are in charge of but too big for us to handle

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3. Things that are our own fault — Psalm 32

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Told to wait for 7 days by Samuel, and hear what God's plan was. Worried, Stressed, fearful.

His biggest problem is that

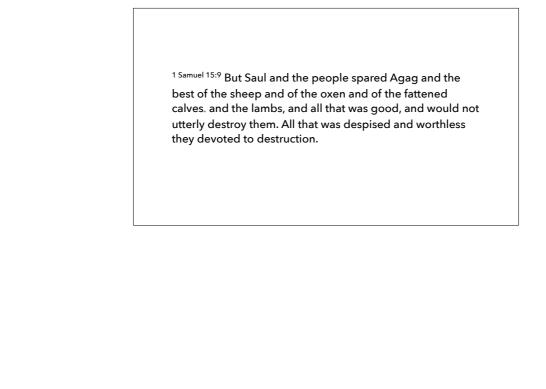
Pressure Expectation Fear Panic

How does he deal with it?

Worried and anxious about things he's done wrong. Guilt.

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1 Samuel 15:22-23

Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king."

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And when we read this story in the Bible, we see that David seems to have this courage. he's not afraid. i mean when King Saul comes to find him, there's an opportunity to kill him, but he only cuts off a corner of the kings' robe to tell them not.

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with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.
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Awake, O harp and lyre!
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Praying Declaring Reminding Worshipping

How does he deal with it?

How does he deal with anxiousness from his own guilt and sin?

2 Samuel, David see Bathsehba, sleeps with her, she gets pregnant, so to cover it up, he tries to get his soldier

	2 Samuel 12:13 David said to Nathan, "I h	nave sinned against the Lor	rd."	
Samuel confronts David, and after that, David makes no excuses — just says, "I have sinned against the Lord"				

Psalm 51 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

He's done bad stuff. But God

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For I know my transgressions,
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Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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Going straight to God

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Confession

Let me hear joy and gladness;
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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
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Cast me not away from your presence,
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Restoration

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

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Freedom in forgiveness

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"

Philippians 4:6, 7

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When you're trapped in a cycle of worry, fear and guilt, freedom can't come from within.

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Matthew 11:28-30

Come and be prayed for. Find forgiveness. Find restoration. Share your burden, and let your worries be taken away. Go straight to God, Confess, Declare