



FEAR NOT

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1 Peter 4:12-14,16 (NLT)

2. Extraordinary acts of God often begin with my ORDINARY act of OBEDIENCE.

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√ I always give my BEST to what I VALUE MOST.

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