## 2. WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN GOD BUT DON'T FEAR HIM.

We have become used to customization—even when it comes to our faith.

"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."
Psalm 36:1-2 (NLT)

GOD +	GOD =	FEARING	GOD

"I will show you the one to fear. Fear the one who has the power to kill you and also to throw you into hell. Yes, this is the one you should fear." Luke 12:5 (NCV)

"Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire." Hebrews 12:28-29 (NLT)

## THE BLESSINGS OF THE FEAR OF GOD

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom." Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

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

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

THE GREATEST EVIDENCE OF THE FEAR OF GOD IS COMPLETE \_\_\_\_\_\_TO GOD.

Our vision is to **faithfully** follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

## THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST

Question: In what area of your life are you not fearing and not obeying God?				
What are you going to do about it?				
Stop:				
Start:				
Notes:				

## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

- Do you think the Western perspective of fearing God is any different from a biblical perspective? Explain how it is or isn't.
- In what area of your life are you not fearing and not obeying God? What are you going to do about it?

Bible Translations: New Living Translation (NLT); New Century Version (NCV). Sermon based on a book by Craig Groeschel—The Christian Atheist.