

**BEWARE A DISTRUSTFUL, FEARFUL HEART**  
JOHN 18:12-24, 28-32 (ESV)

I. Jesus' trial before Annas was unjust for several reasons:

- A. Jesus was judged guilty though He was innocent,
- B. The trial was \_\_\_\_\_, and
- C. The legal authorities had an \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning.

II. When we act out of fear, it betrays not only a misguided \_\_\_\_\_ but also a trajectory toward \_\_\_\_\_. Fear breeds bad, unjust decisions.

A. Fear is an invitation to pause and consider...

- 1. Who and what we're \_\_\_\_\_ in and
- 2. How we might be confused or plainly \_\_\_\_\_.

B. When we operate out of fear...

- 1. We \_\_\_\_\_ other people unjustly and
- 2. We \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

III. We would be wise to heed this wisdom about fear, when it comes to (1) our \_\_\_\_\_ relationships and (2) the things that make us feel \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The things that we \_\_\_\_\_ the most can quickly become \_\_\_\_\_ that obscure our vision.

B. When fear about these things exposes a misguided faith...

- 1. Find out what the \_\_\_\_\_ says about those issues,

2. Ask \_\_\_\_\_ Christians you trust for input, and
3. Remember who is actually in control.