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Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Fear of the unknown can be crippling if left unbalanced by faith in God's providence. The difference between boldly facing the future or cowering in the security of monotony is oftentimes a matter of perspective—are you looking at the obstacles or the opportunities that lay ahead in the unknown?

It is not abnormal, nor is it always harmful, to harbor inhibition toward the unknown. Quite often, our wish to “know what is coming” is rooted in a prudent desire to be prepared as much as possible. There is a place for preparation in the Christian life, but it is only worthwhile if it is followed by God-directed action. Each day, the road ahead gives you a chance to either embrace faith or unbelief.

Unbelief sees obstacles—threats & harm that may or may not ever materialize. It is pessimistic & focused on potential loss. Faith sees opportunity—occasion to trust God & experience His blessings. As a follower of Christ, you are called by the Lord to walk by faith even when sight fails.

Prayerfully consider how open or averse you are to trusting God when facing the unknown. Ask him for courage to accept & even embrace change. Express your gratitude to God for being ever-present with you as you daily venture into the future. Commit to go wherever He leads & to help others along the way who have been stalled by a fear of the unknown.