"But You Said!"

Scripture reading: Psalm 27:1-6 Fext: Genesis 32:9-12 Jacob was fearful, unbelieving, scheming and often jumped to conclusions, but his prayer shows that he had matured a lot over the last 20 years. His prayer addresses God respectfully, reminding Him of His promises, expressing humility and only at the end does he give his request. This seems like a good pattern for prayer when a believer is fearful.
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Five things we should talk to God about.
God's p9a Jacob was in a covenant relationship with God. God has made a new c with mankind today.
Talk to God about your relationship with Him.
God's p 9b Jacob was concerned for God's plan
Told directly by God what he wanted him to do 31:3; 28:13-15
We should never forget what our ultimate responsibility is.
Glorify God, build His c, look forward to living with him
When afraid, it is time to talk to God about our basic purpose.
God's p 10 Jacob never forgot who he was and God's blessing
Jacob humbles himself, when he counts his b
We worry about retirement, most of world lives hand to mouth.
Talk to God about life review and His blessings, He likes that.
God's p11 Jacob talks to God about fears, doubts, concerns
Jacob feared Esau, but he brought this on h
God had already fixed it (33:4) He had already covered for him. Talk to God about His protection. Only 8% of worry is real.
God's p 12 Jacob reminds God of His promises, "But You said"
Jacob expressed faith in God's promise and used fear to act.
Want God to be pleased? Believe He exists and r faith.
Honest prayer is "I believe," then ask God to help unbelief
Conclusion: This pattern is a good one for praying when fear sets in.
What situation are you facing that God wants you to talk to Him about?
Worry and fear are like a rocking chair - busy, but going nowhere.
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