

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands gently cupping a small green seedling with dark soil. The hands are positioned on the left side of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled around the base of the plant. The seedling has several small, rounded green leaves and a thin brown stem. The soil is dark brown and appears moist. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown color.

Sundays @ 6 PM

**GROWTH
TRACK**

A four-week course
to help you connect
and grow @ phos

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“The place where God calls you is where your deep gladness meets the world’s deep hunger.”

Frederick Buechner

A close-up photograph of a dart hitting the bullseye of a target. The dart has a purple and black patterned flight and a silver barrel. The target is a standard dartboard with green and red segments. The background is a dark, solid color.

**Your prior pain can position you perfectly
for God's plan for the planet.**



Cara Hill Testimony

Our Partnership with the Crossroads
Crisis Pregnancy Center

Call to Action: Baby Bottles &
Baby Shower Blessing Baskets



The Nehemiah Pattern

The Setting -- 444 B.C. the 20th year of Artaxerxes
Nehemiah 2:1

The Goal -- Rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Place -- The Citadel in Susa. **Nehemiah 1:1**



Past -- I questioned them about... **Nehemiah 1:2**

Passion -- I sat down and wept. **Nehemiah 1:4**

Prayers -- I prayed to God. **Nehemiah 1:5**



Position -- I was cupbearer to the king. **Nehemiah 1:11**

Provision -- I asked the King. **Nehemiah 2:4-8**



Persistence -- They mocked & despised us.
Nehemiah 2:19; 4:1-2

People get energized by a powerful plan.
Nehemiah 3; 4:6; 4:7-8



Protection

Nehemiah 4:9; 4:14-23

Sometimes you have to
prayerfully plan &
provide for your own
protection **EVEN**
though you are doing
the work of God.

How the walls were rebuilt in just 52 Days

God + Nehemiah + Responsive People

They were respectful & responsive to the Words of God.
Nehemiah 8:5

Providence -- Divine Favor, Timing, Positioning & Resourcing

They worked & sacrificed
like it was 100% theirs
to accomplish,
and
they trusted God
like it was 100% His to accomplish.

Results

Things happen when you purposely partner with God to pursue His plans.

Nehemiah 6:15

“What God originates,
He also orchestrates”.

Troy Dobbs



Call to Action:

I. Questions You Must Answer to Fulfill His Plan & Find Your Purpose:

Go back through this sermon note card and prayerfully see where you are in the story of Nehemiah.

In addition, ask yourself the following questions:

A background image of a dartboard with a dart hitting the bullseye. The dartboard is dark with light-colored segments, and the dart has a red fletching and a silver barrel. The bullseye is a small red circle in the center.

What are the three greatest needs in the world as I see it?

What's in my past or what has caused me great pain that may be used for His benefit?

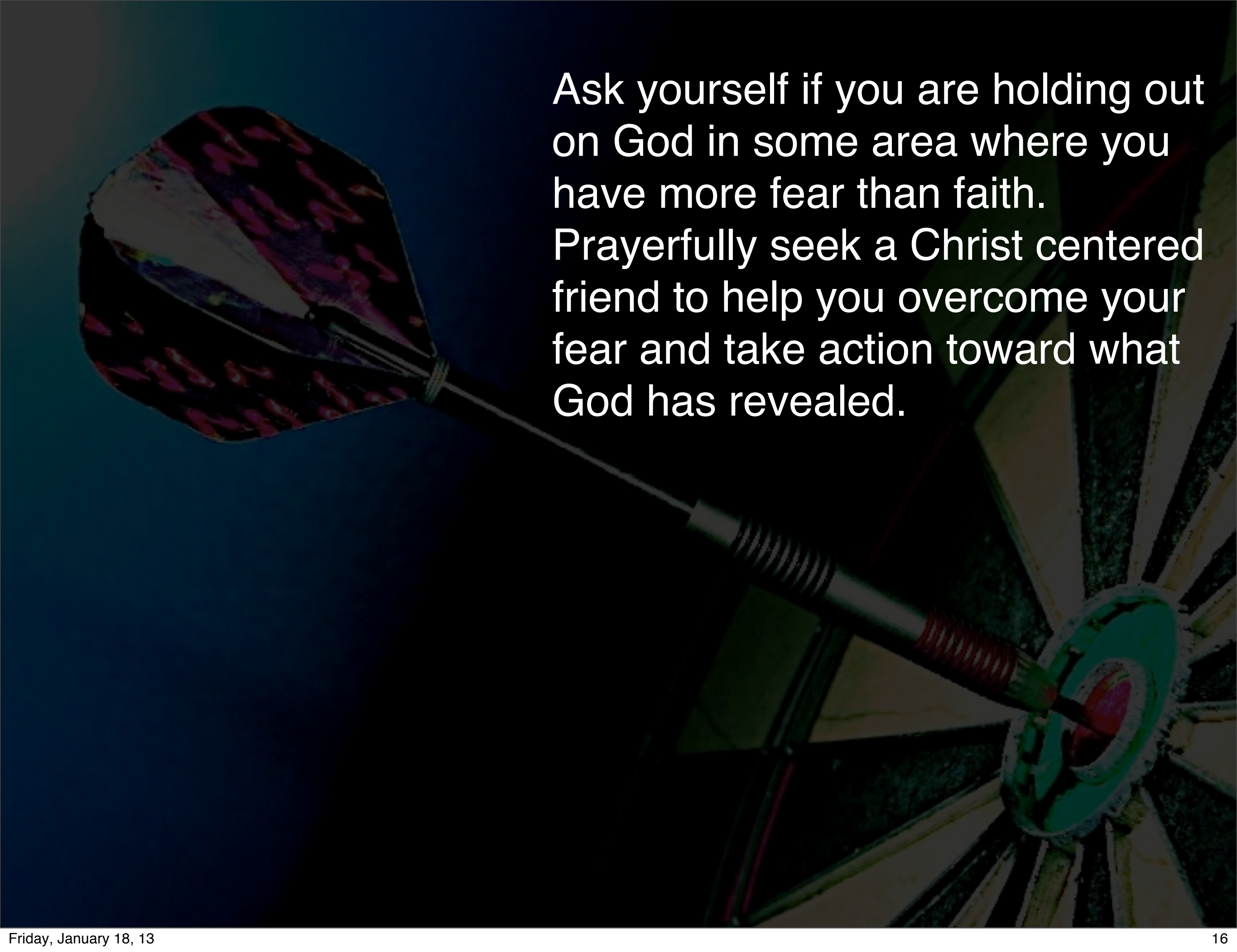
What brings me to tears of joy, frustration or anger? That passion may be the fuel that I need to accomplish His plan in my life.

Where do I sense God's Mission Intersecting with my past, my passions and my talents & abilities?

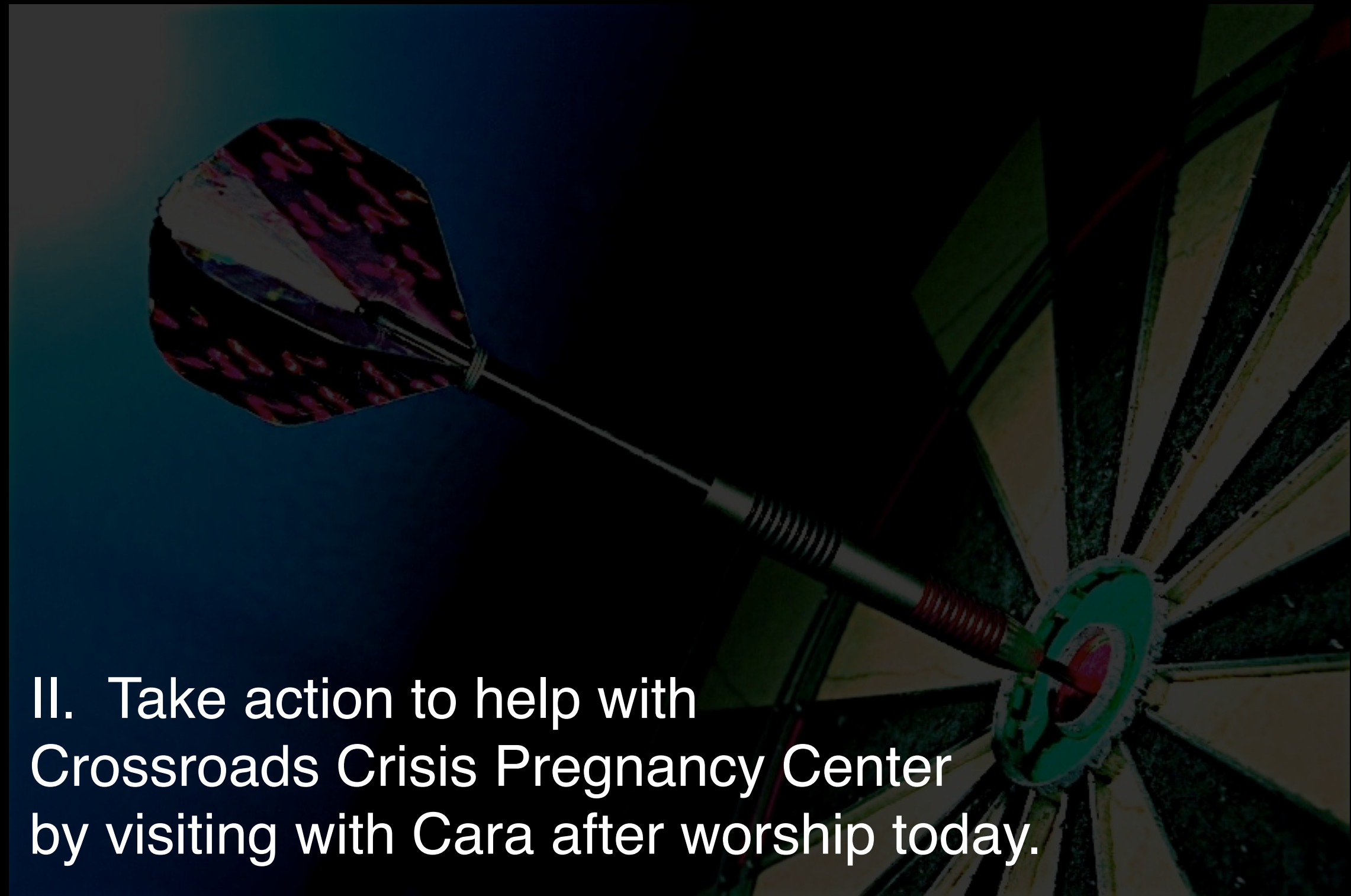
What's keeping me from playing the music that's locked up in me?

Who can coach me through this? Who has overcome their fears to become who God has called them to become?

What action will I take this week toward this dream that God has put in front of me?



Ask yourself if you are holding out
on God in some area where you
have more fear than faith.
Prayerfully seek a Christ centered
friend to help you overcome your
fear and take action toward what
God has revealed.



II. Take action to help with
Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Center
by visiting with Cara after worship today.



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