

Security Briefs – Situational Awareness Series with Resources

Part 6 – Awareness, Faith, and Peace

Introduction

As we close this series on situational awareness, we want to return to the foundation: this is not about fear. It's about peace.

Some people think preparing for danger shows a lack of faith. But Scripture paints a different picture.

Think of Nehemiah. As he rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem, he prayed—and he posted guards. Faith and strategy worked hand in hand.

Jesus told his disciples to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Paul escaped a city by being lowered in a basket through the wall. Proverbs tells us the prudent see danger and take refuge.

God gives us tools. Awareness is one of them.

Healthy situational awareness helps you rest in peace, not live in fear. Because you've already made plans, you can set aside anxiety and rest in Him. If you notice tension rising, you know when to pull back. Because you've practiced, you don't have to panic.

One missionary we trained said that learning awareness made her feel free, not anxious. She said, "I used to walk blindly, praying I'd be fine. Now I walk wisely, praying and watching. I feel safer — and more effective."

That's the heart of this whole series.

Wrap-Up

Let's review what we've covered:

- Awareness starts with posture—not paranoia.
- Be informed. Know what's normal where you live.
- Be observant. Learn to spot what's out of place.
- Be prepared. Know your options before you need them.
- Practice awareness at home, in transit, and in community.
- Teach it to your family — or walk wisely if you're serving solo.
- And above all—walk with peace and wisdom, not fear.

Now you know. May your steps be steady, your eyes alert, and your heart anchored in Christ.

We'll see you next time. And don't forget to download the transcript for resources related to this series.

Resources:

- Nehemiah: A Biblical Basis for Security: <https://www.arizonachurchsecuritynetwork.com/Blog/12692659>
- AGWM Theology of Risk Paper: <https://team.agwm.org/cms-data/depot/hipwig/AGWM-Theology-of-Risk.pdf>
- Podcast Episodes featuring Anna Hampton: <https://theologyofrisk.com/podcasts>
- Facing Fear Book Summary by Missio Nexus. You have a subscription to Missio Nexus if you serve with the Assemblies of God or any other sponsoring organization. Check with your leadership about how to activate it: <https://missionexus.org/facing-fear-hampton/>
- Facing Danger by Anna Hampton: <https://www.amazon.com/Facing-Danger-Second-Guide-through/dp/164508504X/>
- Facing Fear by Anna Hampton: <https://www.amazon.com/Facing-Fear-Journey-Courage-Persecution-ebook/dp/B0C22WR3LV>