

FEAR, RESISTANCE, & HOPE

RESOURCE 1.1



A Preparatory Exercise

Write a story or some bulleted sentence fragments about a moment in which fear and money met in your life. What did you feel at the time? How do you feel about money and vulnerability today? How does this fear contribute to your resistance about leading in stewardship and asking the wealthy for major gifts?



Notes:

You need to ask a person—a person you know well—for a big gift. The gift will fund something you feel very strongly should exist in the world. This gift would make the world a better place. What frightens you about making “the ask” of a major gift?

It might be that by improving how we raise money and by becoming more effective in that raising, that we inspire more giving and therefore have more money to spend on mission. Do you have a vision for this kind of grace? If your church or diocese were to increase giving by 25%, what would you do with these additional gifts to advance your mission?

