

## What Do You Fear for the Future in a Rapidly Warming World?

### *Gregory's Garden*

Speaker 1:

Fear, that's a curious thought, because I feel like I'm always afraid.

Speaker 2:

What I fear and what I see are the same thing.

Speaker 3:

The destruction.

Speaker 4:

Of what exactly?

Speaker 3:

Of the planet.

Speaker 5:

Like an increase of just a lot of natural disasters, bigger storms, earthquakes.

Speaker 6:

I fear for the death of the honey bees.

Speaker 7:

Bumble bees basically pollinate most of all our food. In my garden every year I get less and less. I have more carpenter bees than bumblebees. It's not a good thing.

Speaker 8:

Something bad is happening. It's not right. Something is not right. What I felt is, oh my God, we not going to make it.

Speaker 5:

What does that mean?

Speaker 8:

That means everything is going bad. Everything has changed. And you see it now, it's changing everything.

Speaker 9:

I am not afraid. One, I am not afraid. People are trying to mimic weather, trying to do other things with weather. When I think about climate, I think about God. He's the one that controls it.

Speaker 10:

I think my biggest fear for the future is that we are not going to have enough resources to support the people just within the United States.

Speaker 5:

And the emotional toll that does on the individual, to keep seeing these natural disasters, or to keep seeing these forests burning, and the animals also that suffer. That's what I'm fearful. And for children who have to see that, too.

Speaker 3:

It's not going to be the whole planet. I don't think God is that wicked. I'm not stressing about it. One reason why I may stress a little about it, because I have young ones. I want them to survive, even if I'm not here. I want them to survive all that stuff. That's why I try to teach them, pay attention.

Speaker 6:

I have sons who are thinking now about marriage and children, so I have a lot of fears around what the world's going to look like, even in 20 years.

Speaker 11:

So there's always this constant anxiety around what will 10 years look like from now, or 20 years look like from now?

Speaker 12:

I feel stressful.

Speaker 13:

Yeah. It really stresses me out.

Speaker 12:

Feels so stressful that you don't like to think about it.

Speaker 13:

Yeah. I try not too.

Speaker 12:

What does that feel like to have this thing that's increasingly more present, that you are really trying not to think about?

Speaker 13:

What does it feel like? Oh, I don't even know. Like the elephant in the room.

Speaker 14:

Even for myself, you can forget. It's like you push it down, I think, the urgency of it. But I think it's really frightening and it's only getting worse and worse.

Speaker 12:

What do you fear for, for the future?

Speaker 7:

Nothing, because I'm 60 years old. What else is left now? See, I don't fear for me, I fear for them, because now they got to live 60 years of life.

Speaker 12:

What do you fear for them?

Speaker 7:

Annihilation, because they can do it.

Speaker 15:

I'm afraid that this all is going to collapse around us, but I'm hoping it doesn't.

Speaker 12:

What do you think people are fearful for?

Speaker 16:

People are comfortable. People are comfortable in their way of life, very comfortable.

Speaker 12:

What do you fear for the future?

Speaker 17:

I fear for nothing. I don't exactly, because there's ways to mitigate things, but it's also whether or not people choose to.

Speaker 18:

Personally, I think about these plants and stuff and how of an impact we have on other people with these plants and stuff. And then that causes me to think about the future. Like, if I incorporate it farming into my life, I could feed myself and feed my family. And they could possibly help people if I introduce farming to them and things like that. But also, in the same breath, like this is a tropical state now, like are some plants not going to be able to survive, or we're going to get colder winters and then even hot summers and that drastic is change. I think about food life and life in general. How will it vary as a climate change? And I get nervous. I feel we're not making enough change fast enough in a way.

Speaker 12:

Do you worry for their futures?

Speaker 19:

No. Not in the global warming extent. I don't worry about them, because they [well 00:05:10] adjusted young men, okay, and they will adapt.

Speaker 20:

Oh, something I'm fearful about is us not getting the message and just keep on keeping on doing whatever we're doing. Keeping on using all this bad energy, and because at the end of the day, it's not under control as much, it's mostly the government has to get the bigger picture.

Speaker 21:

Okay. Change can be good and change can be bad. I'm not scared for change. It's just the fact that I'm scared about how our climate is changing very rapidly, is deteriorating. And since we're not doing anything to help it, what's going to happen to us? That's what makes me nervous.

Speaker 19:

I worry for the younger generation. You asked me the question earlier. Do I worry for my sons? Yeah, I suppose I do. This conversation has allowed me to think that I will worry about them, because weather when it gets angry... Okay. It does a lot of damage.

Speaker 22:

At the same time, we have to always be positive. We can't just live with the fear. We have to think positive, what could I do to get the best?

Speaker 12:

I have two more questions for your mom. You want to count with us? Okay. Question number-

Speaker 23:

One.

Speaker 12:

One. All right. Question number one. What do you fear for, for the future?