

Group Questions – *Fear/Faith: Week 2*

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What is the scariest thing you have done? (*Remember, scary for you may not be for others, and that's ok!*)
- Have you ever thought about heaven and the home that God is preparing for His children? What questions would you like to ask God about that place and what it will be like?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something in this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Pastor Kirby said that 'strength and courage in the face of fear are more about the choices we make than the feelings we have.'
- **Read:** Numbers 13:26 – 14:9
- As Joshua and his team scouted the land they were to enter and all the obstacles involved, what choices did they make that enabled them to stand with courage while others retreated in fear?
- "What if _____ happens?" – If you're comfortable, share your "what if" with others.
- Try to put yourself in Joshua and Caleb's sandals. What all was at stake in whatever their decisions were?
- Using your "What if", who do you relate to more? Joshua and Caleb or the other spies? Why?
- **READ:** Joshua 6:1-5
- Joshua and the people could've easily made excuses to not obey God when they were told to "take a hike" around Jericho. What are some common excuses we use today to not obey God? Are you willing to be vulnerable and talk about yours?
- Pastor Kirby said "Obedience will ALWAYS proceed God's blessings."
- It's important to understand the difference between God's unconditional love which is available to us and God's blessings which is through obedience. Read the following passages and identify God's blessing/part along with the Conditions/our part.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - 1 John 1:9
 - John 14:15-18
 - John 15:14-17

Application Questions:

- What is something from this week's teaching that can help you face a current or future fear?
- Take a minute and ask God "***What does my Lord have for His servant?***" – In other words, ask God and be open to where God is asking you to obey.

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FEAR: “An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.”

“...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself...” - Franklin D. Roosevelt – Presidential inauguration speech - March 4, 1933

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, and not the absence of fear.” – Mark Twain

FINDING YOUR FEARS

- What if _____ happens?

Joshua 1:1-2

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

Joshua 1:3-5

³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Strength and courage come from the choices we make, more than the feelings we have.

2 Timothy 1:2-8a

To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner.

Joshua 5:13

¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

Joshua 5:14-15

¹⁴ “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

¹⁵ The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

“What does my Lord have for His servant?”

When we come from the posture of God is on my side, then we will always have a better plan than God.

Obedience will ALWAYS proceed God’s blessings.

God’s blessings:

- His presence
- His provision

1 Samuel 4

Matthew 7

We can’t expect God to be on OUR side when we aren’t on HIS!

‘Lord, what do you have for me, your servant?’