

From Fearful to
FEARLESS

**FEAR can drive us to do things that our FAITH
would never imagine.**

What do we mean by “fear?”

- Anxiety
- Doubt
- Shyness
- Panic
- Tension
- Stress
 - We mean fear as we experience it.

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It depends on the ACTIONS we take in light of it.

What does the Bible say about fear?

- It is often tied to our faith
- It was the root of serious actions that led to sin (Numbers 13-14; Peter's denial in Luke 22;)
- God often meets us in our fear
- God often calls us to something better while in the midst of our fear (Gideon)

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- **What did fear lead the people to do?**
 - Bear a false report
 - Doubt their ability despite having heard from God
 - “THEY live there” (the Nephilim)
 - Adopt a spirit of fear and complaining (Numbers 14:1-4)
 - Revolt against God (Numbers 14:11)

A question worth considering:

What moves us from fearful to fearless?

- A vision for something greater (i.e. Caleb and Joshua)
- An external power (i.e. Gideon and Moses)
 - In BOTH cases, the common circumstance is the presence of the Lord!

God's not calling us to DENY the challenges.

**He's calling us to TRUST that He is bigger than the
circumstance!**

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- Macro-Bravery vs. Micro-Bravery

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- **Macro-Bravery:** taking the big risks in life that we all come to expect
 - i.e. applying for a new job, buying a home, going to war, defending your family, stopping a bully.

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- **Micro-Bravery:**

the bravery it takes to make **the hard decisions** in the **little things** of everyday life that add up to **make all the difference** over the course of your life.

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- **Micro-Bravery:**
 - dedication to being an encouragement
 - devotion to God and hearing from the Spirit
 - discipline in health and money
 - learning to hear from God
 - refusing to speak negatively of other people,

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- **Micro-Bravery:**
 - boldness to have hard conversations
 - willingness to forgive
 - boldness to believe the promises of God
 - being fully present with family and not just a body in the room
 - following through

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- **Micro-Bravery:**
 - keeping your word
 - dedication to relationships over your own personality
 - not letting circumstances dictate your character.

One Big Takeaway

**God, today, can take fearful people
and make them fearless...
because of Jesus.**

With Moses, he said “take this little plot of land.”

With Jesus and the Holy Spirit, he has said
“TAKE THE WORLD.”