



Small Group Study Guide

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**FEAR OF
FAILURE**

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for going with us wherever we go. We are sorry for those times we let fear keep us from following down your path. Today we pray that you would give us courage and boldness and help us to take risks for you. Use us Lord, not for our glory but for yours. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Joshua 1:1, 5, 9

1 After Moses the Lord's servant died, the Lord spoke to Joshua, Nun's son. He had been Moses' helper

5 No one will be able to stand up against you during your lifetime. I will be with you in the same way I was with Moses. I won't desert you or leave you

.9 I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

INTRODUCTION

When fear of failure really takes over, you begin to avoid taking risks – because every risk includes a possibility that you will fail, that you will lose face, that you will embarrass yourself or people will laugh at you. When this happens, you may miss out on some of the most amazing blessings in your life. What can we do with our fear of failure?

In scripture, when God says “do not be afraid, for I am with you,” it’s almost always in the context of God saying “I need you to go and do something.” Many of our heroes of the faith were afraid to do what God called them to do. But they put their trust in Him. When you are paralyzed by fear of failure, put your trust in God, that trust becomes faith and that faith becomes courage.

QUESTIONS

- 1) What is your favorite season of the year (winter, spring, summer or fall?)
- 2) Many of the Biblical heroes (Abraham, Moses etc.) had fear before doing what God called them to do. But they put their trust in God and did what he asked. When you look back on your life, what are some things that you were glad you took a risk and did even though you were afraid at the time? What role did God play in that decision?
- 3) In what ways have parents, grandparents and other important people given you confidence to fearlessly value and use your God-given strengths?
- 4) Are you afraid to disappoint other people? Does pleasing people cause you to have anxiety? How can your faith help you overcome this fear?
- 5) In Psalm 73, the Psalmist said “the prosperity of the wicked” nearly caused him to give up faith in God. Is your faith weakened when you see the ‘wicked’ achieve success and prosperity?
- 6) Camped right on the borders of the Promised Land, Israel turned away because fear got the better of them. What fears arise in your heart as you think about where God may be calling you.