

From A to B: Part 5

Fear Not: Hebrews 11:23-28

**Faith activates our beliefs and gives us a confidence in God. Fear does the opposite. Fear paralyzes us by replacing our confidence with worry and anxiety.**

We can exchange fear for faith by pursuing:

1. Good \_\_\_\_\_

Faith allows us to seize **good opportunities** even in **threatening circumstances**.

2. Great \_\_\_\_\_

Faith isn't naïve about danger; it weights short term pain and long term gain. Let your faith overcome **temporary threats** with **eternal purpose!**

3. God-Sized \_\_\_\_\_

Often we are so consumed with the threats that we can see, that we ignore the God who we can't see. The more we get to know Jesus, the greater he becomes in us.

Big Idea: Fear not! **God is greater** than our greatest threat.

Application:

This week, commit to doing one kingdom thing that scares you.

*Life Group Study Guide*

***This week, before you go to your Life Group:***

Read about the life of Moses in Exodus 2:1-10, 12:1-42. What aspects of Moses' story help you understand what is written in Hebrews 11:23-28 better? Put yourself in Moses position. What do you think would have been some of his greatest fears and reservations? In what ways can you relate to him?

***Life Group Discussion Questions:***

What are some of the things that scare you? Do you have any unusual phobias? On a scale of 1 to 10 how much does fear factor into your daily life? Share a time in your life when fear held you back. What was it like?

As a group, share as much as you can about the story of Moses. Skim through Exodus 2-12 for refresher if you need it! Read Hebrews 11:23-28 together.

How did Moses' parents' perspective help them deal with a frightening situation? What do you think were the factors that went into their decision to hide Moses?

What comparison did Moses make that allowed him to choose to do what was hard instead of living an easy life? What would a similar comparison look like for us to make in our daily lives? What are some of the things that would be difficult to give up? What does 'the reproach' of Christ mean, and why do you think it is so valuable? What reward was Moses looking to (see Heb. 10:36-39) and how does that reward give strength in the face of fear?

How did Moses view of God (verse 27) help him battle fear of Pharaoh? What principle can you take from this story to help you face your fears?

What is one scary thing you can do for God's kingdom this week? Pray for one another and follow up next week as you exercise your faith!