



New International Version is used for questions

1. Honestly, what in life scares you? Has your fear ever kept you from doing something you would like to do? What? How do you typically deal with fear? In regards to your Christian life, what did Pastor Rick say you must do to build your faith?
2. In what three ways do most people handle their fears? What is a way that you could begin to run toward something God would want you to do but you have been afraid to do it? What is the first thing you should do to begin overcoming your fears?
3. If we wait until conditions are perfect before we attempt to do something, what will probably happen? Read Joshua 1:1-9. What is the background of this passage? How many times does God tell Joshua to not be afraid and to be courageous? What are some of the fears that Joshua would have had? What are some fears you would have if you were in his place? What promises did God make to Joshua to allay his fears and do you think he gives us the same promises?
4. What are the four keys to courageous living that Pastor Rick gave? Which one(s) stand out to you as something you need to do?
5. What did Pastor Rick say courage is and what it is not? What did he say about risk? What did he say courage means to choose? When will courage show up?
6. Right now, what is your "lion" that you need to overcome? What will be the consequence if you do not conquer it?
7. Read Ephesians 6:19,20. Does it surprise you that the Apostle Paul would ask people to pray that he would share the gospel without fear? Is this something that you fear doing? What could you do to begin to overcome this fear?

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2. *In regards to their fears, most people a. Avoid them; b. Delay them; and c. Run from them. The first thing you should always do in every circumstance is to begin to pray. If you are unwilling to face your fears, ask God to cause you to become willing.*
  3. *If we wait for conditions to be perfect, we will never do it. Some of the fears Joshua probably had were: He was following Moses and could never live up to what he did; the task was impossible and he could never accomplish it; he did not have the skill to lead the Israelites into the land, etc. God promised that he would always be with him to equip and enable him to accomplish what God was calling him to do, he would always have God's power.*
  4. *The four keys are: 1. Run towards what you would usually avoid; 2. Trust that God will meet you in the risk; 3. Choose obedience over personal comfort in the moment; and 4. Live with the belief and courage that God is shaping your future.*
  5. *He said that courage is not the absence of fear but to do something in spite of the fear. He said that God does not remove risk but is always present in it. He said courage is choosing what is right over what is comfortable. Courage shows up when we choose obedience in the moment, even when it is not convenient.*
  6. *See who is willing to be honest about this question and perhaps you can pray write them down and offer to pray for them as a group before you go.*
  7. *Something you can do to overcome this fear is to learn how to share your faith with others. Perhaps talk with someone who has done this or come to the "How to Share Your Faith" class when it is offered at Grace.*