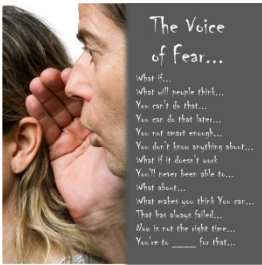


“FEARLESS FAITH: Courage for Life”

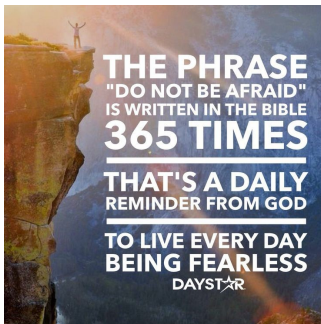
Texts: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 13-14
2 Timothy 1:7

Preached: 10/30/16



We've all heard the voice of fear whispering in our ear...or even shouting loudly. Hearing the voice and taking it to heart can be crippling. But there is another way. We can lean on our faith...draw strength from God's promises.

Over and over God says in scripture, "Do not be afraid."



We've spent the last six weeks unpacking what it means to have "Fearless Faith." We've explored together some familiar Bible stories, with well-known heroes...as well as some lesser known tales, with no less extraordinary superstars.

We wrap up our sermon series by looking to those who inspired it – our youth. Jo and I were inspired by our children...Ben and Fiona, as they shared about their summer camp experience. We realized, even though they attended different church camps, that they both learned about "Fearless Faith." Fiona has friends with her today, both of whom attended camp with her. Ben is joined by the Runas boys, Josh, Clemente and William – all of whom attended camp with him. Hannah Runas is also here – she attended the New Wilmington Mission Conference, along with Joella Miller. Joella is working this morning – but her mom, Vonna, will share a few words from a parent's perspective. These ones know that "Fearless Faith" means courage for life.

Show up.
Fully & fiercely.

Like Abram, when we find the **courage to show up**,
God will call us to new possibilities.

Ben Ramsey – on Camp Crestfield

Like Ruth, when we find the **courage to trust**,
God will free us from the past.

**Fiona Ramsey– on Camp Allegheny
(with friends, Lizzie Orosz and Greta Olexa)**





Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
when we find the **courage to stand**,
God will protect and bless us.

William and Clemente Runas – on Camp Crestfield

Like the disciples, when
we find the **courage to connect**,
God will transform us into the living Body of Christ!



**Hannah Runas -- POWERPOINT on
New Wilmington Missionary Conference**



Like Esther, when we find the **courage to step out**,
God will use our gifts to change the world!

**Vonna Miller -- Parent's Perspective
on New Wilmington Missionary Conference**

Like Cornelius and Simon Peter,
when we find the **courage to change**,
God breaks down the barriers that separate us.



When we support each other...
when we pray for each other, serve together, worship regularly,
we help to cultivate a community of Fearless Faith,
inspiring in one another all sorts of courage...courage to follow Christ, courage for life.

