

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Egypt

Week 3: Courage When Facing Hardship
Hebrews 11:27

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Is your initial instinct to run when you feel fear? When our lives are characterized by fear and worry, we can follow Moses' example to rise up and face our fears with courage. This week, we continue our series, *Egypt: A Line in the Sand*.

Kicking It Off:

When it comes to haunted houses, what's your vote ... yay? Or nay?

Bonus question ... Share with the group, what is the strangest thing you're afraid of? And why?

Discussion:

1. What's your initial reaction when you hear about Moses tackling his fears with courage, avoiding the natural inclination to run away trembling? Does that more intimidate or encourage you?
2. Read Hebrews 11:27. What lessons did you learn from this weekend's message, based on this verse?

"By faith {Moses} left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible."

3. Going back a little bit earlier in Hebrews 11, we see that Moses wasn't the only one in Egypt who demonstrated a strong faith. His parents did as well. Who in your life has been part of an older generation to give a strong example for you in how to not live in fear? How does that person still inspire you today?

"By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict." (Hebrews 11:23)

4. Many have a natural inclination to resist fear. If you have time, re-read some of Exodus chapters 3, 4, 5, & 6. What are some ways we see how God strengthened and encouraged Moses to press on and persevere through his fear of being alone and a fear of public speaking?
5. What are your thoughts for the question Jeff addressed: How can one who struggled with so much fear and insecurity demonstrate such heroic courage in the great hour of the exodus?
6. Most of us probably won't lead a nation of 1 Million+ people out of slavery, but we might be facing a big challenge from God to press on. In recent weeks, how have you had to trust God for His guidance, wisdom, and perfect timing?

Wrapping Up:

Moses remained strong because he saw the great and invisible God, despite hardships and challenging circumstances. How can your small group encourage you to keep "seeing" God in fresh encounters this week?