

Discussion Questions (6-13-2010):

1. Can you remember something that you were afraid of as a child? Now that you have “grown up” what is your greatest fear? What are some other things that you are afraid of?
2. According to Psychologists there are hundreds of “official fears/phobias”. Here is an alphabetical list of a few. Why do you think our culture is typically so fearful?
3. Randy’s main verse for this weekend was 2 Timothy 1:7. What does this verse say should be different about us as Christ-followers? Where does the strength to overcome our fears come from? Have you seen this at work in your life?
4. If we are to overcome our fears we will need to stay connected to God. What things can we do to maintain this connection? Are you doing these things? Why / Why not?
5. This week Randy talked about the story of Gideon. He shared that Gideon’s fears are often our fears as well. When we sense that God is “calling us” to do things for Him we often feel the same way that Gideon did...

We are afraid that:

God won’t be faithful.

We aren’t good enough.

Have you had these fears?

6. Read Judges 6:12,16. When you read these verses what do you learn about God’s involvement in Gideon’s call? God is consistent. Do you think that when God calls you to do things for Him that these truths will be part of your call? How should this affect the fears you have related to what God is calling you to do?
7. Randy shared three “Gideon Truths”.
God always sees more inside of you than you see in yourself.
God’s strength through your weakness is EXACTLY enough.
With God, the way forward is often backwards.
Which of these was most important for you to learn? Why? How can these truths be applied in your life?
8. Finish off your group this week by re-reading 2 Timothy 1:7. Pray for each other that we would confidently face our fears and not shirk from moving forward when God leads us to do things for Him.