

FAITH, not Fear

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STUDY GUIDE

Sounds of Victory

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SESSION 1

Important Truths

- Anything that brings doubt and discouragement is from the devil.
- The voice you listen to will win.
- We cannot walk in victory if we walk in fear.
- Faith is laying hold of the *unrealities* of hope, and bringing them into the realm of *reality* through Jesus Christ.
- Faith grows out of the Word of God.
- Unbelief/fear is taking sides against God's Word.
- Fear is a spirit.
- "*Fear Not*" is repeated in Scripture at least 110 times.

Scriptures

- Hebrews 11:1
- Romans 10:17
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Romans 8:15
- 1 John 4:8
- Psalm 91
- Proverbs 3:25-26
- Isaiah 54:14
- Psalm 56:11
- Psalm 23:4-5
- Romans 8:31-32, 35-38

Think About It

- Do you feel like the Word of God is working in your life? Why or why not?
- How can you truly say, "*No fear here*"?
- Which part of Psalm 91 really speaks to you?
- What does it mean to abide in Him?
- Which of God's names particularly ministers to you right now?

SESSION 2

Important Truths

- Psalm 27:1-3 (*Old Testament*) and John 14:27 (*New Testament*) say the same thing.
- There is natural faith and fear, AND supernatural faith and fear.
- Fear is unhealthy.
- We all struggle with fear in some area of our lives.
- We must speak JESUS over all areas of our lives!

Scriptures

- Psalm 27:1-3
- John 14:27
- Hebrews 13:6
- 2 Timothy 4:18
- Isaiah 41:10
- Psalm 34
- Proverbs 3:5-6

Think About It

- Why do you think that some people can hear the news and believe it, but read the Word of God and question it?
- When listening to Marigold's testimony of the car accident, why do you think that she had no fear?
- How are you prone to react when you hear bad news?
- Over what area of your life do you need to apply the truth of Isaiah 41:10?
- From what fears has God already delivered you?

SESSION 3

Important Truths

- Supernatural faith comes to us as we study the Word of God.
- Simply put, faith is trust.
- Faith is the key that opens the door to all of God's blessings.
- Faith activates God to move on your behalf.
- Faith is the catalyst which produces the atmosphere for the miraculous.
- It does not mean that you don't have faith if you have a battle.
- If our faith is based upon the Word of God, we believe regardless of the evidence.

Scriptures

- Psalm 27
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Psalm 34:19
- Romans 4:19-20
- Galatians 3:29
- Galatians 3:7
- 1 Peter 2:24
- Joshua 1:9

Think About It

- How can you and I say, "God, if You can be glorified in *this*, I'm willing to walk here?"
- Are you walking through something right now where you need to learn deeper trust?
- Why is it so important to have faith in God?
- How did you react to Marigold's testimony of Melissa on the building, who cried out "Catch me, daddy, I'm gonna jump"?

SESSION 4

Important Truths

- God has given ALL of us a measure of faith.
- There is NOTHING God cannot do.
- I confess what Jesus did, so that it can be done *in* me and *through* me.
- We cannot walk in victory if we embrace fear and unbelief.
- We know the truth and now is not the time to be silent.

Scriptures

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Romans 12:3
- Hebrews 10:38
- Hebrews 11:6
- 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Romans 5:1-5
- 2 Timothy 4:18
- Matthew 5:10
- Romans 8:28, 35
- 2 Thessalonians 1:4
- 1 John 4:4
- Matthew 10:28
- Luke 10:19

Think About It

- In Marigold's story of the African pastor on the bike meeting a lioness, do you see yourself more as the pastor or the passenger? Why?
- In what ways do you see 2 Timothy 3:1-9 played out in the world around you?
- Like a chain under pressure, the weak link will break. Can you identify a weak link in your life that needs to be covered by the blood of Jesus?
- How can you glory in tribulations?
- If Jesus lives *in* you, do you also see yourself as *clothed by Him*?

SESSION 5

Important Truths

- Only the believer has the real truth--GOD'S truth.
- The devil is a liar and he has a counterfeit for everything that Jesus does.
- Satan's plan is to paralyze you with fear about what is coming upon the earth.
- Jesus defeated fear on the cross.
- Our feelings come from our self-talk.
- *You* are worth the death of God's Son!
- It is God's will to heal.

Scriptures

- John 8:42-47
- John 10:10
- 1 John 1:9
- Romans 10:9-10
- 1 Peter 2:24
- Mark 11:24

Think About It

- Do you find yourself having thoughts like, "I'm going to fail" or "I can't make it?" From where do these thoughts come?
- When have your feelings changed when you shifted your perspective--your way of looking at them?
- The next time the devil lies to you, how will you respond?
- How would you describe the importance of reading God's Word on a daily basis?

SESSION 6

Important Truths

- When I accept the enemy's lies, I sign a contract with him.
- Hope is not faith. Rather, it starts the process of receiving "now" faith. Hope waits for "future" things.
- We wait in hope, and receive *now* in faith.
- God has a plan for you and He knows you by name.
- Be firm. Be fixed. Be stable. Be strong. Be confident in faith.

Scriptures

- Hebrews 11:1
- Mark 11:24
- Hebrews 10:23
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Romans 10:9-10
- Lamentations 3:21-26
- 1 John 5:14
- Matthew 7:7-11
- 1 Corinthians 15:57-58
- Genesis 18:14
- Jeremiah 32:27
- Mark 10:27

Think About It

- When have you stepped out in faith and did what you could not do before in order to prove what God had done in your life?
- Which one of Marigold's testimonies inspired your faith?
- Why does the devil like to isolate us from one another?
- What lies has the enemy spoken to you?
- Is there a situation in your life where you are:
 - Opening the door of hope... or
 - Moving a step up to faith... or
 - Receiving what you need because you believe?
- Have you ever felt like Hezekiah did in Lamentations 3:16?