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Lesson 5:  
jeremiah

\*Review:

- What is the myth of adolescence?
- What was our first challenge in doing big things for God?
- What did we learn about when we have something too big for ourselves?
- We also learned about being faithful about the small things and then going above and beyond.
- Did any of you do something unique this past week?

**Question:** What stops you from sharing your faith? What stops you from speaking up about something you are passionate about? What stops you from trying something new? The answer is fear.

## I. Having COURAGE in times of FEAR

- A. God still does the impossible/unthinkable today, but He chooses to use US to do it
- we are talking about the same God who created, who parted the Red Sea, who defeated armies/nations, who gave manna from heaven, who raised Jesus from the dead

1. God wants to prove His greatness by using ordinary people to do BIG things

**\*1 Corinthians 1:25-29**

2. Our typical answer to God's challenges...

\*I'm not good enough, or \_\_\_\_\_ is better than me

\*I'm not ready yet

\*The chance of failing or looking foolish is too high

\*So, what does that mean when we say "no" to God?

3. Knowing GOD is in control should change the way I view challenges

- B. FAILURE is a fact of life and is a pre-requisite to achieving great things

1. We learn from failures (**Proverbs 24:16**)

2. Failures allow us to rely on God and not take glory

3. Failures give us a vision of how to do things better

**Question:** What are some steps of faith you have taken that you were scared to death about, but turned out to be no big deal?

\*The majority of our fears are fears of going AGAINST the crowd.

-We are going to look at someone who realized that just being different from the crowd wasn't enough, he was called to rise up against the crowd. Now that would be fearful.

## II. A Biblical Example- Jeremiah (**Genesis 24**)

A. God GIFTED and CALLED a young man named Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:4-10**)

1. the “calling” was something that Jeremiah couldn’t do in his own power (**verse 6**)
2. the “calling” was something that was very unpopular (**verse 10**)

**Question:** What were Jeremiah’s options?

**Question:** Would it be foolish for Jeremiah to have God say verse 5 and then him reject God?

\*So, how are we any different?

B. Jeremiah had FEARS, but pushed through them because he knew God’s calling (**Jer. 4:19**)  
-Jeremiah was ignored, laughed at, hated, and put in prison

## III. Great Points About Fear

- A. The only people who don’t fail at anything are people who don’t do anything.
- B. Fears are just well-concealed lies and what-if’s that rarely ever come true.
- C. Fears are Satan’s fence to keep us in our “comfort zones”.
- D. Courage in moments of fear are opportunities for God to receive the glory.
- E. It isn’t the “scary” things that keep us from achieving big things, it is the fear of them.
- F. Where God guides, God provides.
- G. **II Corinthians 12:9-10**

### Put It Into Action:

What am I doing to do the “Hard Things” I’ve learned about the past 4 weeks?

What are things I know God is challenging me to do, but I am afraid?

What are you going to do about it?

## Take it Home Challenge For week 5

It is now time to put all you have learned into practice. No more excuses; no fear. It’s time to do hard things.  
Continue to meditate on I Timothy 4:12 throughout this week.

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