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FIVE QUESTIONS FOR A FEARLESS LIFE

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One of the roles I enjoyed as a father was teaching my kids to drive.

My son spent a lot of time driving golf carts before turning 16, which gave him a head start on driving. He had a natural feel for steering and braking... and for placing his hand over the steering wheel in a way that looked cool.

However, my daughter's first time behind the wheel was a true maiden voyage. It took a *while* for her to back out of the driveway, reach the stop sign at the end of our court, and drive into our neighborhood several hundred feet. Smooth it was not. But on just her second time out, I directed her to the interstate. I had to repeatedly coach her to drive faster, to which she responded, "No human being should ever drive this fast!" Today, she's a great driver.

Obviously, I've never wanted my kids to drive recklessly, but I have always wanted them to drive confidently. Why? Because timid driving can cause traffic tie-ups and accidents. Plus, it's stressful. I want my kids to drive sensibly, but boldly. And that's how I want them to live, too. I want them to go for it.

Perhaps I took my philosophy from Paul, who mentored Timothy as a church leader. Rather than telling Timothy, "Since so much is at stake, be cautious," Paul said, "Since so much is at stake, be bold." In 2 Timothy 1:7, Paul flat-out said, "Timothy, the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid."

Westsider, you have been given the same Spirit. Collectively, that's the Spirit leading our church into the future. Sure, discretion is important. Discernment is good. But timidity is not a quality God wants to see in his kids - or in his church. Let's be **BOLD**.

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EDDIE LOWEN, West Side's Lead Guy





THE FEARLESS VISION

FEARLESS

BOLDLY
PURSUING
JESUS
AND HIS
MISSION



Nearly 750,000 people reside in Central Illinois, yet the vast majority do not follow Jesus closely. Studies suggest that, despite our Bible-belt location, Central Illinois needs more vibrant churches—places where people far from God feel welcomed and lives are changed.

We can bring the help and hope of Jesus to our region if we're willing to fearlessly make room for and seek EVERYONE. With God's help, our goal is for West Side to IMPACT 10,000 PEOPLE A WEEK. It will take every Westsider living on-mission every day to make this vision a reality.



BRINGING HELP & HOPE TO EVERYONE

We won't stop until **EVERY** person within our reach has the opportunity to know Jesus and connect to a healthy, vibrant church.











PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

We want **EVERY** Westsider to fearlessly take his or her next steps in both devotion and generosity to Jesus and his mission.

SECONDARY GOAL

FROM \$27 - \$30 MILLION IN GENEROSITY

We are trusting God to provide, not only for our ongoing ministry at West Side, but for the expansion and compassion efforts needed to reach 10,000 people each week in Central Illinois and beyond.

n addition to our current scope of vision and ministry, our expanded goal will enable us to...

- Convert our current Worship Center to multi-purpose space
- Enlarge our concourse
- Construct additional parking
- Lay ground work for new campuses

BOLD DISCIPLESHIP

\$13.5 MILLION to fuel West Side's ongoing ministry to kids, students and adults in 2019 and 2020. This amount will fund two years of our on-campus ministry.

BOLD GROWTH

\$15 MILLION to expand our campus to make room for EVERYONE.

BOLD COMPASSION

\$1.5 MILLION to continue our current level of investment in missions and church planting, plus additional funds to generate a new wave of help and hope.

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK IN YEAR ONE

181 Westsiders have found new life in Jesus through baptism.

December 1, 2018 - October 1, 2019





375+ Westsiders have participated in Rooted since **FEARLESS** began.





To learn more about our discipleship efforts, visit wschurch.org/Fearless/Updates

BOLD DISCIPLESHIP

Fueling West Side's ongoing ministry to kids, students and adults in 2019 and 2020.







More than **800** kids & students gather at West Side each week for worship, small groups, connection with friends and a chance to grow closer to Jesus.

BOLD GROWTH

Expanding our campus to make room for **EVERYONE**

- Over 12,000 sq ft of additional children's worship and activity space
- Dedicated rooms for our friends with special needs
- Indoor playground and gathering area











Construction on West Side's new kids wing and concourse addition kicked off on March 4 and is scheduled to open in December 2019!





For construction updates, visit wschurch.org/Fearless/Updates

MYANMAR

The love of Christ is being shared through the construction of a new prison ministry in partnership with Myanmar Hope Christian Mission.





ST. LOUIS, MO

West Side junior high and high school students served alongside LoveTheLou and Oasis International to bring the love of Jesus to refugees and urban students.



A team of Westsiders shared the love of Jesus with those living in the Mathare Valley. While there, they served alongside our ministry partners at Missions of Hope International.



To learn more about our compassion initiatives, visit wschurch.org/Fearless/Updates

BOLD

Continuing our current level of investment in global & local missions and church planting, plus additional funds to generate a new wave of help and hope.



SPRINGFIELD

At Night of Stars, our friends with special needs walked the red carpet and enjoyed a night of dancing, food, photos and "royal treatment."



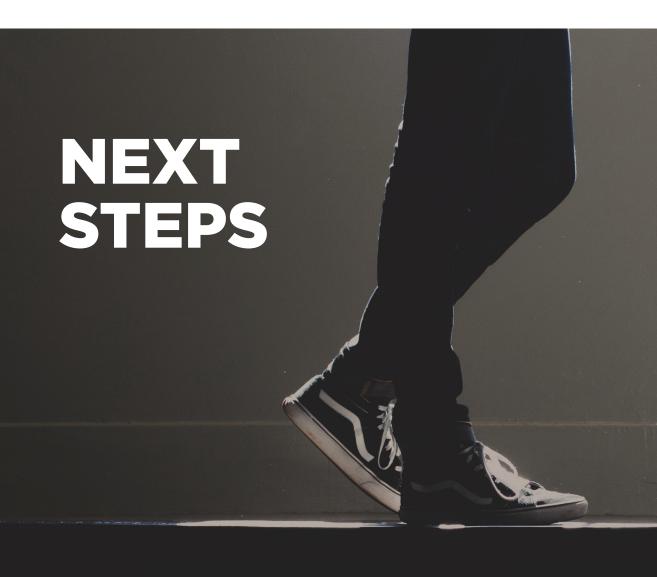
Hundreds of Westsiders served alongside ten local organizations, bringing a wave of help and hope through painting, landscaping, cleaning, organizing and more.



WHERE WE'RE HEADED IN YEAR TWO

FIVE QUESTIONS FOR A FEARLESS LIFE

In late 2018, we asked Westsiders to become FEARLESS in order to dramatically increase our church's capacity to connect EVERYONE to Jesus and his mission. Our plan? Challenge people to live and give like never before in order to double our impact on this campus and triple it throughout Central Illinois. The ask was big, but the response was overwhelmingly positive and grounded in unity, thanks to countless Westsiders declaring, "I'm all in!" So here we are, one year into our twoyear journey. For some, it has been smooth-sailing; however, for others, there have been bumps along the road. Regardless of your circumstances, you are halfway there! You've made it this far! And guess what? God is STILL by your side, asking you to fearlessly follow him. To encourage and challenge us at this halfway point, we're diving into a new, 5-week series that will remind us that being a follower of Jesus requires us to have BOLD faith. We're asking every Westsider to join us on Sunday mornings AND once during the week at a BOLD group. We believe that as we individually and collectively grow our faith, our BOLD prayer to reach 10,000 will be heard and answered. We're asking God to DO IT AGAIN, but we need YOUR help as you continue to pray, serve, invite and give fearlessly! Will you say YES to being BOLD on this Fearless journey?



HOW CAN YOU ENGAGE DURING THE **BOLD** SERIES?

SHOW UP: Make plans to worship at West Side every week during the BOLD series!

GET IN A GROUP: If you're not yet part of a small group at West Side, join a BOLD Group at wschurch.org/BoldGroups.

CELEBRATE CONFIDENTLY: Share your story of how God is using this season to help you become more fearless. Email us your Fearless story at **stories@wschurch.org**.

GIVE FEARLESSLY: Make a plan that stretches your faith. Join us with a NEW Fearless commitment if you are not yet on the journey, commit to finish strong, or consider increasing your commitment if God has encouraged, nourished or surprised you in your faith beyond what you expected. Invest in our church as a beacon of hope to this region.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MESSAGE NOTES: Sunday, October 20

WEEK 1 | WHERE IS GOD LEADING US?

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WEEK 1 | SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Getting to Know Your Group

- When you return to a restaurant, do you tend to order the same thing every time or try something new?
- On a scale of 1-10, how certain do you need to be about the outcome of a decision before you make it? What kinds of decisions require more certainty for you?

Vision and Story Video

After someone in your group prays for your time together, play the video for Week 1.

Video Notes

What challenged,	comforted	or	resonated	with	you	from
the video?						

Group Discussion

Have someone from your group read aloud each Bible passage below. Then discuss the questions that follow.

Genesis 12:1-4

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

Hebrews 11:8

⁸ It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

- If you were to put yourself in Abram's (Abraham's) sandals, what would be the most challenging part about obeying God's command to pick up and move?
- When have you sensed God guiding your life in a certain direction, but you didn't know how it was going to turn out? What did it require of you?

Mark 12:41-43

⁴¹ Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴² Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. ⁴³ Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions."

- What about this woman's story comforts you?
- What about this story challenges you personally?
- If you were in this woman's sandals (if she owned a pair), what would be the most challenging part of giving what she gave? What would this require of you?
- If Abram and the woman from Mark 12 were to encourage the West Side community during this 2-year Fearless season, what might they say?
- What are some of your hopes and prayers for the West Side community during this Fearless season?

 How is this Fearless season challenging you to step out in faith?

Pray Together

Take a moment to list some things in your personal life and in the life of West Side that you're thankful for in this season. Share them with your group. Have one group member pray to close your group time, offering up this thanks to God.

God, thank you for		

WEEK 2 BOLD RHYTHMS

We want to invite you to participate in some weekly rhythms during the Bold series. These are spiritual disciplines that we will practice together as a church. Each week we are providing four different practices. You can choose one or you can do them all, but whatever you choose, invite God to meet you in these moments.

Read: Spend some time reading the story of Moses and the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-14. (Moses ran away from Egypt years earlier and started a new life in a new place. For more of his backstory, you can also read Exodus 1 and 2.) Before and after you read the story, take a moment to be quiet. In this pause, remember that God is with you.

Memorize: Memorize Jesus' words in Matthew 6:21. Write the verse on a card and carry it with you. Throughout the day, read it silently or out loud in your spare moments. Put the card somewhere where you'll see it often.

Meditate: Begin with a simple prayer, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Take some time to be quiet and read Exodus 3:11-14 several times, slowly. As you read, is there a word or phrase that stands out to you? Talk to God about your questions and observations. Is there something you sense God nudging you to do?

Journal: Write out your responses to these questions:

- If money was no object and you knew that it would not fail, what would you want to do for God?
- Why do you think you are drawn toward that issue or type of project?
- What do you want to say to God as you reflect on these questions?

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MESSAGE: Sunday, October 27 WEEK 2 | WHO AM I? What lines from Sunday's message challenged, comforted or resonated with you?

WEEK 2 | SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Getting to Know Your Group

- What is one thing you hope no one ever asks you to do?
- What is one personal strength or skill you're particularly proud of?

Vision and Story Video

After someone in your group prays for your time together, play the video for Week 2.

Video Notes

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Group Discussion

Have someone from your group read aloud each Bible passage below. Then discuss the questions that follow

Exodus 2:1-10 (when Abraham's descendants are slaves in Egypt)

¹ About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. ⁴ The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. ⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and

she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said. ⁷ Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked. ⁸ "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. ⁹ "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. ¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained. "I lifted him out of the water."

- It's not specifically mentioned, but where in the story do you suspect God is providentially at work preserving Moses' life and preparing him for his future?
- What unique opportunities for ministry and influence did God seem to be handing Moses from the start?
- What do you consider to be the greatest opportunities that have been handed to you? What do you think God wants you to do with those?

Exodus 3:10-14 (when God calls Moses to speak to Pharaoh and the Israelites)

"Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain." ¹³ But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" ¹⁴ God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."

Exodus 4:1-5

¹ But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The LORD never appeared to you'?" ² Then the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied. ³ "Throw it down on the ground," the LORD told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. ⁴ Then the LORD told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand. ⁵ "Perform this sign," the LORD told him. "Then they will believe that the LORD, the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—really has appeared to you."

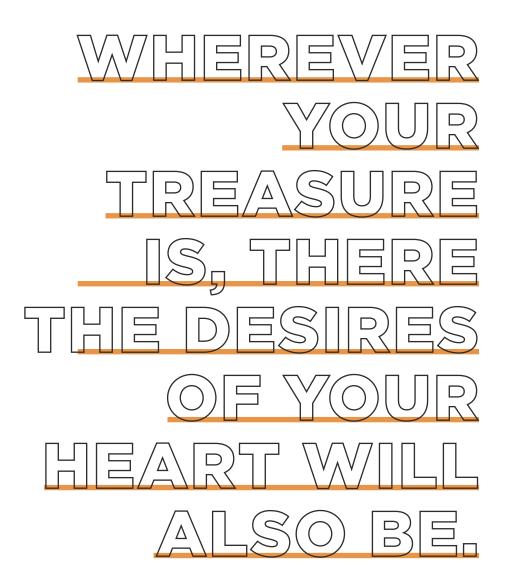
- What are some reasons God's call might have seemed to Moses like a ridiculously tough task?
- In the passages above, what do you understand Moses to be fearing? What is God's answer to Moses' fears and insecurities?
- When have you been called into a position you felt inadequate or under qualified for? Do you feel this way in your Fearless journey?
- God used Moses despite his fears and failures to accomplish a ridiculously tough task. Does knowing that this is God's pattern throughout the Bible put you at ease or make you nervous?
- God used an ordinary stick to show His power and faithful presence to doubters. Looking back, what in your life has God used to convince you of His power and presence? Looking ahead, do you need more convincing in order to take another BOLD step forward?

Pray Together

Take a moment to list some fears and insecurities that have surfaced during the last two weeks of BOLD messages. Courageously share some of them with your group. Have one group member pray to close your group time, asking God to adequately address the group's fears.

God, here are some things I've recently feared	

Remind us, God, that you're always with us. Amen.



MATTHEW 6:21

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WEEK 3 BOLD RHYTHMS

Read: Spend some time reading the story about Moses and the twelve spies in Numbers 13:1-33. Highlight some words or phrases that stand out to you. What questions do you have about this story?

Memorize: Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV). This passage is very short - you could write it on the palm of your hand as a way to carry it with you and reflect on it throughout your day.

Meditate: Begin by pausing for a moment or two of silence, and then pray a simple prayer: "Here I am, God." Spend some time to be still and to contemplate Psalm 23:1-4. Ask God to speak to you through this Scripture. Read it slowly several times. What do you sense God showing you through His Word?

Journal: Write out your responses to these questions:

- Write out some of your financial obligations. What do you see?
- If you made a fearless commitment last year, write it down. Talk to God honestly about what faith looks like for you as we commit to the rest of the Fearless journey.
- Ask God to get rid of any fear in your generosity decision, and begin to pray (with your spouse if you are married) about your commitment (or re-commitment) in 2 weeks.

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MESSAGE: Sunday, November 3

WEEK 3	WHAT DO YOU SEE?
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WEEK 3 | SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Getting to Know Your Group

- When you give a review of a restaurant or a movie, how critical are you?
- Do you tend to be more motivated or demotivated by a challenge?

Vision and Story Video

After someone in your group prays for your time together, play the video for Week 3.

Video Notes

What challenged, comforted or resonated with you from the video?

Group Discussion

Have someone from your group read aloud each Bible passage below. Then discuss the questions that follow.

Numbers 13:1-2 (God's assignment)

¹ The LORD now said to Moses, ² "Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes.

Numbers 13:17-20 (Moses' instruction)

¹⁷ Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the land: "Go north through the Negev into the hill country." ¹⁸ See what the land is like and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. 19 See what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls, or are they unprotected like open camps? ²⁰ Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Do your best to bring back samples of the crops you see." (It happened to be the season for harvesting the first ripe grapes.)

Numbers 13:25-29 (the scouting report)

²⁵ After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned ²⁶ to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land. ²⁷ This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. ²⁸ But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley."

Numbers 13:30-33 (two contrasting perspectives)

³⁰ But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses.

"Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!" ³¹ But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!" ³² So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge.

³³ We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!"

- God had already promised this land to the Israelites.
 Why do you suppose the majority of scouts defaulted to fear rather than to trust, especially after seeing God miraculously deliver them from slavery and sustain them in the desert?
- Where else do you find fear distorting people's perspectives and leading them to make bad decisions?
 Where have you seen this pattern in your own life—at work, at home, or in your faith?

- Does your personal operating system default to fear or faith? Do you tend to be a person who reinforces fears or who inspires faith and trust within those around you?
- Has God shown you that you can indeed trust Him? Is it hard to trust God when it comes to money?

Psalm 118:1-9

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.
- ² Let all Israel repeat:

"His faithful love endures forever."

- ³Let Aaron's descendants, the priests, repeat: "His faithful love endures forever"
- ⁴ Let all who fear the LORD repeat:

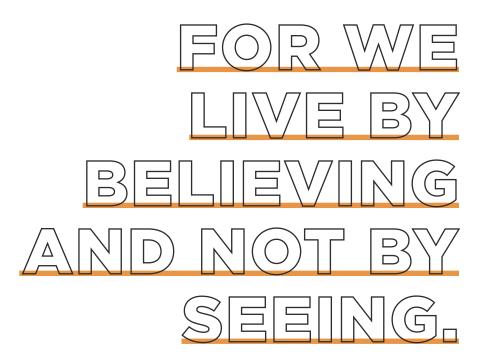
"His faithful love endures forever."

- ⁵ In my distress I prayed to the LORD, and the LORD answered me and set me free.
- ⁶ The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?
- ⁷ Yes, the LORD is for me; he will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people.
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
 - What lines from this psalm do you need to repeat to yourself throughout your day? When are foreseeable times you might need to recall those particular lines?

Pray Together

Take a moment to list ways in which you believe God has provided for you personally. Share your favorites with your group. Have one group member pray to close your group time, asking God to quiet the fears and embolden the faith of the group members.

God, I believe you've faithfully provided	



2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

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WEEK 4 BOLD RHYTHMS

Read: Spend some time reading Joshua 1:1-18. Before and after you read the story, take a moment to be quiet. In this pause, remember that God is with you.

Memorize: Memorize Joshua 1:9. At each meal, say this verse out loud or read it as you pause to pray. Carry these words with you throughout your day and reflect on how it affects you.

Meditate: As you begin, remember that God is with you and that He loves you. Invite Him to speak to you through His Word. Take some time to slowly read Joshua 1:6-9 several times. As you read it, notice the words or phrases that you sense God wants you to remember. Talk to God about what you notice or what questions you have for Him.

Journal: Write out your responses to these questions and prompts.

- List out some times in your life that you've been afraid or scared. How did you respond?
- How did you experience God in those times?
- What are some promises God has made or Scripture verses that have been important to you to hold onto?

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MESSAGE NOTES: Sunday, November 10

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WEEK 4 WHAT	ARE	YOU	AFRA	ID	OF?
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What lines from Sunday's message challenged, comforted or resonated with you?

WEEK 4 | SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Getting to Know Your Group

- When do you tend to exhibit everyday courage? Describe a time in your life when you were called to demonstrate a high level of courage?
- If you had to choose, would you rather be incredibly strong or consistently courageous?

Vision and Story Video

After someone in your group prays for your time together, play the video for Week 4.

Video Notes

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Group Discussion

Have someone from your group read aloud each Bible passage below. Then discuss the questions that follow.

Joshua 1:1-5

¹ After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people. the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. ³ I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— 4 from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all

the land of the Hittites.' 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

- The passage doesn't seem to mention any, but what fears and insecurities might Joshua have felt when God asked him to step in as Israel's leader? What would a person have to do to push through these fears in order to obey God?
- Reread verse 5 as if it were God's promise to you. What would change in your life if you fully believed and grounded your life on that promise?

Joshua 1:6-9

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

 It sounds like Joshua's success would be dependent on his continual study of and meditation on God's Word.
 Have you found this to be similarly true in your own life? How might this discipline lead to one's becoming strong and courageous?

Joshua 1:12-18

¹² Then Joshua called together the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. He told them, ¹³ "Remember what Moses, the servant of the LORD, commanded you: 'The LORD your God is giving you a place of rest. He has given you this land.' ¹⁴ Your wives, children, and livestock may remain here in the land Moses assigned to you on the east side of the Jordan River. But your strong warriors, fully armed, must lead the other tribes across the Jordan to help them conquer their territory. Stay with them ¹⁵ until the LORD gives them

rest, as he has given you rest, and until they, too, possess the land the LORD your God is giving them. Only then may you return and settle here on the east side of the Jordan River in the land that Moses, the servant of the LORD, assigned to you." ¹⁶ They answered Joshua, "We will do whatever you command us, and we will go wherever you send us. ¹⁷ We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses. And may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. ¹⁸ Anyone who rebels against your orders and does not obey your words and everything you command will be put to death. So be strong and courageous!"

- Following the death of Moses, the Israelites still had plenty of room for fear to creep in and sabotage their transition into the land just as it had done previously. What do you suppose kept them from grievously repeating their mistake this time?
- Do you believe your generosity is a reflection of your current courage and faith? Or might it be more of an indicator of your future courage and faith?
- This principle is clear throughout this story: Courage is required for us to claim all that God intends for us to experience. West Side's Fearless journey is about becoming the church God intends for us to become as well as the **people** God desires us to become. This requires courage. What might courage look like for you in this season at West Side?

Pray Together

Take a moment to envision and list some potential characteristics of West Siders 10 years from now, having grown in all the right ways through this Fearless season. Share with your group the things that most excite you about those characteristics. Have a group member pray to close your group time, asking God to continue challenge us, stretching us, and shaping us into His image.

God, as Westsiders, lead us to be a people who are marked by				

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JOSHUA 1:9

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WEEK 5 BOLD RHYTHMS

Read: Read the story of the Israelites crossing the Jordan River in Joshua chapters 3 and 4. Highlight some words or phrases that stand out to you. What questions do you have about this story?

Memorize: Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:8. Write this verse on a card and put it somewhere where you'll see it regularly (on your mirror as you get ready, in your car, on your desk, in your wallet, on your phone lock screen, etc.).

Meditate: Begin with a simple prayer, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Spend some time reading and contemplating Matthew 6:21-27. (These are some of Jesus' words from one of his most well-known teachings, called the Sermon on the Mount.) As you read, is there a word or phrase that stands out to you? Talk to God about your questions and observations. Is there something you sense God nudging you to do?

Journal: Write out your responses to these questions and prompts.

- Where are you on the giving journey (see pages 68-69)? As we all seek to grow in our commitment to Jesus and his mission, we want to reflect on how we're growing in generosity. Read over the descriptions and mark which one describes you today.
- Read the Scripture passage next to the stage that you marked. How do you sense God wants you to be challenged? Talk to God about specific ways you sense him wanting you to respond to this and the opportunity to commit this Sunday.

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AND GOD WILL GENEROUSLY PROVIDE ALL YOU MEED, THEN YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED AND PLENTY LEFT OWER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

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MESSAGE NOTES: Sunday, November 17

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PART 3 APPENDIX

HAVE QUESTIONS?

CHECK OUT OUR EXTENDED
FAQ RESOURCE AT

wschurch.org/FearlessFAQ

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MID-POINT COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 17

This is the day each Westsider will celebrate what God is doing in their life by putting pen to paper and turning in their MID-POINT Commitment Card. This card is for **EVERYONE**, not just those new to FEARLESS. (An example of this card can be found on page 70).

ANNIVERSARY GIVE SUNDAY

December 8

This Sunday is an opportunity to give in a BIG way. Whether your gift represents your first gift toward Fearless, a larger percentage of your overall commitment, the continuation of your Fearless generosity or a year-end gift, Anniversary Give Sunday will act as a generosity catalyst for year two of Fearless.

THE GIVING JOURNEY

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

Our prayer is that God would help each of us become more fearless and generous for the sake of Jesus and his mission. Where do you find yourself on this giving journey?

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Consistent Giver

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give something and gives it consistently to exercise the discipline of regular giving. Often, this is someone who determines to give a recurring gift online at wschurch.org/give. Those who do not give online can become consistent givers, also, but doing so requires more discipline.

Initial Giver

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time in response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trusts both God and church leaders with their gift.

Intentional Giver

Luke 14:28-35

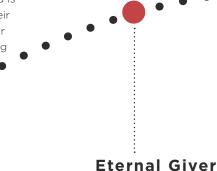
your gross income).

An Intentional Giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize and spend their money. The point of intentionality may occur when someone begins to tithe (10% of

Surrendered Giver

Colossians 1:15-18, 22-23

A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes the price Christ paid for them on the cross and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. Their giving governs their spending and saving rather than their spending and saving governing their giving.



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An Eternal Giver is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.

AND GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY SO THAT IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, HAVING ALL YOU NEED, YOU WILL ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (NIV)

EXAMPLE OF THE FEARLESS MID-POINT COMMITMENT CARD

I AM NEW TO FEARLESS
I would like to make a 12-month commitment to FEARLESS in the amount of:
\$
*This includes your regular giving over the next 12 months as well as your expanded giving and stored resources.
I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO FEARLESS
My current two-year commitment is:
\$
At the mid-point of FEARLESS, I would like to:
Confirm my commitment to finish strong
☐ Increase my two-year commitment to:
\$
Name
Address
City Zip

FEARLESS GIFT CHART

As you pray about how God would ask you to give during this season, use this gift chart as a tool. Allow it to inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity as we become **FEARLESS** together.

Gifts Needed	Two-Year Gift Level	One-Year Gift Level	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total
1	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$104,167	\$2,500,000
1	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$62,500	\$1,500,000
2	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$2,000,000
3	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$1,500,000
5	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$1,250,000
12	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$1,800,000
18	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,800,000
30	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$2,250,000
35	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$2,275,000
45	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$2,250,000
60	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$2,100,000
75	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$1,875,000
90	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$1,350,000
135	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$1,350,000
180	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$1,350,000
225	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$1,125,000
350	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$875,000
Many	\$1,000	\$500	\$42	\$850,000

TOTAL GIFT GOAL: \$30,000,000

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