

FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS - DOUBT CREATES THEM!

(FEARLESS)

As you know on November 9th we launched this new series. The second installment is entitled 'Fearless.' So what are your fears! Fear of failure, fear of dying, fear of letting others down, fear of living alone, just to name a few.

As you read through the Bible, you see that fear is not unique to those of us in the 21st century. One phrase that reappears over and over throughout the Bible is the phrase, "Do not be afraid!" In fact, if you're looking for a good topic for a personal or small group Bible study, take the time to see just how often — and on what occasions — that phrase and related phrases are spoken.

There is one positive attribute which is strongly contrasted to fear in the Scriptures. Jesus told His apostles and others, "Do not be afraid, only believe." It is evident that growing in faith will cause us to have less fear, and that often fear is the direct result of a struggle with our faith.

If you are living in fear today, may these words of Jesus spoken to His apostles serve as a comfort to you: **"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."** (John 14:27)

May you know that peace He offers ... a peace that puts to rest our fears!

Once again we see that there is a choice to be made. In a real sense He is reminding us that our 'future' life, here on earth and in the hereafter, is determined by what we do — what we fear — in the Now.

Living a life that is controlled by fear is not recommended. If we allow the fear of financial ruin, or fear of terrorist, or the fear of what may or may not happen today or tomorrow dominate our thoughts and decisions, we will be miserable

people. As Jesus said, "Take no thought of tomorrow, for it can take care of itself."

Our destiny should be placed in our relationship with the One who is in control of tomorrows.