

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What were some of your greatest fears as a child? How did you overcome these fears?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read 2 Timothy 1:3-7.

Paul encourages Timothy in these verses by reminding him that fear doesn't come from God.

- What are some of the greatest internal fears you currently have? How have they affected your daily living?
- How have you seen your insecurities influence your actions?

Read 2 Samuel 23:20-21.

This passage tells the story of Benaiah, a courageous warrior who attacked and killed a lion.

- The path to your greatest potential is often straight through your greatest fear. What are some ways you can take your fear and use it to unlock your greatest potential?
- What are some of the excuses that keep you from accomplishing the things God has called you to do?
- What lion do you need to chase? What will be your next step in accomplishing what God is calling you to do?

Read Daniel 6:1-23.

This passage details Daniel's incredible courage as he was thrown into a den of lions but was unharmed thanks to God's protection.

- How do you find courage and strength through your relationship with God?
- When we increase risk, it really decreases our security. How have you experienced that statement in your own life?
- Describe a time when you caught a glimpse of how big your God is. What did you learn from this experience?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you turn fear into unstoppable courage:

Consider reading Pastor Mark Batterson's book entitled *In a Pit on a Snowy Day: How to Survive and Thrive When Opportunity Roars*. This book expands upon Benaiah's story in 2 Samuel 23 and shows us how to overcome fear in our lives. It also encourages us to seize opportunities as we chase what God has called us to do. This book is available at most bookstores and online.

Take your next step in carrying out what God has called you to do. That next step could be sharing your calling with a friend, seeking guidance from God and other believers, or creating a plan to chase your lion. Simply take a step forward, no matter how big or small it is!

Talk It Over with God:

- Confess to God in prayer the fears that are holding you back. Ask for deliverance from fear.
- Share with God in prayer the lion you need to chase. Commit to Him that you will take the next step.
- Pray and ask God to give you unstoppable courage as you commit to accomplish the thing He has called you to do.
- Pray and ask God to give you peace and strength as you take risks to chase your lion.
- Praise God in prayer for how mighty and big He is and thank Him for all He has done in your life.