

Go and Tell Sessions

“*Fearless Faith*”

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The thesis of *Fearless Faith*

“... we as Christians need to learn to *embrace* the danger of living in a dangerous world and trust not a safe subculture to protect us, but a praying Savior.” John says that this is the only way we can go into the world with a *fearless faith* and a mission to love, serve, and manifest the good news.

How Do I Live a Fearless Faith?

1. Constantly pray for God’s protection.
2. Get out of the Christian subculture and get into the world!
 - a. Make friends with non-Christians
 - b. Become more aware of the world and culture around you.
 - c. Become conversant with other points of view.
3. Focus on people.
 - a. Live a full and interesting life and create avenues to establish relationships with non-Christians. (@p. 76)
 - b. Don’t unnecessarily draw attention to your Christian faith.
 - c. Be a good listener. (Remember, it’s a practiced art.)
 - d. Be sensitive to people’s needs.
 - e. Don’t be exclusive.
 - f. Be a “carrier of His kindness.” (@p. 90)
 - g. Be visible and vulnerable. (@p. 185)
 - h. Do things that build bridges to people.
4. Work on yourself - your attitude and character.
 - a. Don’t always be *against* people.
 - b. Become more unconnected to the world.
 - c. Develop a discriminating eye and ear. (@p. 102)
 - d. Think about God all the time.
 - e. Constantly work on your inner character.
5. Reconsider, rethink and revise your witness.
 - a. Remember that you are a *witness*, and that this is a state or status you have, as well as a responsibility to live out.
 - b. Tell the story of the gospel from wherever you are at the time.
 - c. Drop the Christian label.
 - d. Learn to use secular terms to share your Christian values.
 - e. Live with a strategy of “friendly infiltration.” (@pp. 156-57)
 - f. Consider when you should be quiet about your faith.
 - g. Remember that God’s truth is everywhere.
 - h. Be honest.
 - i. Have a broken heart.
 - j. Realize that people can reject “Christianity” and still accept Jesus as their Savior.

- k. Give the truth over and over from different angles. (@p. 171)
- l. Parcel out the truth. (@p. 172)
- m. Work to push back the darkness in your corner of the world.
- n. Be gentle with and respectful of others.
- o. Don't attack other people's beliefs.
- p. Point people to the next step in their spiritual journey.

Questions about how to live a fearless faith

1. What specific steps will you take to live out a fearless faith?
2. Think about the changes you might need to make in your attitudes and actions to move out of the safety of the Christian subculture and into the dangerous world.
3. Are there any relationships you have with non-Christians that you can foster? How will you do that?
4. What "strategies" of friendly infiltration might you adopt?
5. How can you be more of the witness than you are?
6. What books will you read, what music will you listen to, etc., to become more "learned" about the culture around you?
7. How can you drop your "Christian" label and still be a follower of Jesus?