

# Go and Tell Sessions

## ***“Fearless Faith”***

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from the book *Fearless Faith* by John Fischer 2002 Harvest House Publishers

Part 5 of a 5 part Series

### **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.

### **What am I going to do about living a Fearless Faith?**

1. Five statements from Dr. David Stevens (Executive Director of the Christian Medical & Dental Association) from his message at Randall on May 2, 2004, describe the kind of people God wants in His “Special Forces”, and speak of a *fearless faith*:
  - a. God wants *people willing to volunteer to be set apart.*
  - b. God wants *people who have a fierce loyalty to their leader and will follow any of His orders.*
  - c. God wants *people who are highly trained and prepared to carry out the task.*
  - d. God wants *people who really care, who are moved in their hearts for people’s needs, and who see people like God sees them.*
  - e. God wants *people who are bold and willing to take risk.*
2. Learning about fearless faith is good, but God calls each of us to act on what we learn.
  - a. John Fischer writes that  
... it’s time again - not for a name change, but an understanding change. Christ is doing a new work among us that doesn’t fit the current impressions.... We need to let people know that we’re not trying to take over the world; we’re just here to help. (@p. 226)
  - b. The question of action is a personal one. Do you want to act on what you have learned? Do you want to have an “understanding change” as John suggests?
  - c. You need decide if you are willing to make a commitment to change, and to adopt your own personal “Declaration of Fearless Faith?”

### **Questions about what am I going to do about living a fearless faith**

1. Will you commit to involvement with other followers of Jesus in the process of learning how to better live a fearless faith?
2. If you feel as if you do not have a *fierce* loyalty to Jesus and might not be willing to follow all of His orders, will you be honest about it, confess it to Him and ask Him to create in you that fierce loyalty?

3. Will you ask God to give you specific opportunities to exercise and live out your fearless faith?
4. Will you resolve to care about people and to do what you can to meet their needs as best you can with the resources you have from God (physical, emotional, material and spiritual) and with your training?
5. Will you promise God and yourself to be bold and take risks for your Lord, and then do it? Will you share your efforts with a trusted friend? Will you be willing to fail, knowing that God will still be with you?
6. Will you make a Declaration and then keep that personal Declaration where you can review it and be reminded of what it says? Will you update your Declaration from time to time? Will you keep a journal of your successes and failures in keeping those things you committed to in your Declaration, and the spiritual lessons you have learned from those successes and failures?
7. Will you memorize I Peter 3:15 & 16 -

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*