

Greater Than: Pt. 4; My Fear

The most often repeated command in Scripture is 'Do not fear,' yet we all battle this emotion. Scripture tells us that in times of difficult circumstances, God is our refuge and our strength and thus we need not fear. However, the Bible has many stories of individuals or groups who encountered the same set of circumstances and came to two very different conclusions: one, fear-based; the other, faith-based. Faith helps us face fears knowing that supporting and loving us is a God who is greater than.

Bottom Line: God wants us to trust in him for what we can't control and for what we don't understand.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is the number one thing people are afraid of? Why do you think this fear is so wide spread?
- 2. All of us are griped by fear in some way. What is something you're fearful of? Discuss what brought this fear on.
- 3. What can cause a Christian to have a breakdown in their faith?
- **4. Read 1 Kings 18:19-21.** The people of Israel were confronted by the Prophet Elijah. He challenged them to choose between the god they worshipped and the God of their people. How can Christians waver between two opinions with regard to obeying God's will?
- **5.** Describe a time when you were fearful and unsure what to do next. What steps did you take to work through that?
- 6. Oftentimes God comes to us in the quiet moments. What steps can you take this week to begin listening to God's voice?
- 7. What fear have you been holding on to that you can confess to God today?
- 8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
- 9. How can the group encourage you this week?