

Series: Follow  
Sermon: Fearless  
November 5, 2017

**Have some fun...**

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “fun”?
2. What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?
3. What are you afraid of?
4. What is your favorite holiday movie?
5. What is your most embarrassing moment?

**Overview of Follow – Sermon 3 “Fearless” (Read Aloud)**

Sure, we want to follow Jesus, but where is he leading? What is the payoff to following him? Is it being a better person? Is it life in Heaven after we die? Is it a pain-free life? If you follow Jesus, you will be a better person. If you follow him, you will go to Heaven. If you follow him, you won't have a pain-free life. But that's okay because Jesus offers much more—a faith so strong it frees us from fear.

**Talk About It**

1. What is one thing you remember from last week's discussion?
2. Are you superstitious? If so, what are some of your superstitions?
3. Do you tend to be a worrier or do you deal with circumstances as they come? How is that natural wiring a strength for you? How is it a weakness?
4. Think about a time when you felt close to God. Were your circumstances at that time good or bad? How did those circumstances, good or bad, influence your relationship with God?
5. Who do you admire that has a strong confidence in God? Describe the person to your group?

## **The Source**

### **Matthew 10:1-15, 16-22, 28-31.**

1. Read the passage.
2. Do you see or hear any difference in verses 1-15 and 16-22? If so, how would you describe the difference?
3. What is the difference in a disciple and an apostle? (v. 1-2\_
4. Read verse 28. What is Jesus saying to his apostles?
5. From reading these verses, what reasons do you think Jesus is giving to not be afraid?

### **Mark 4:35-41**

1. Read the passage.
2. Why do you think the disciples, some who were fishermen, were scared?
3. Why do you think Jesus was sleeping?
4. Share a time when your circumstances were difficult and you weren't sure God cared?
5. What is Jesus asking in verse 40?
6. What did these guys learn about Jesus that day? What do you learn about Jesus from this story?

### **Acts 7:51-60, 8:1-3**

1. Read the passage.
2. What do you notice about Stephen in this passage?
3. Why do you think this passage is included in the history of the church?
4. Why do think Stephen was given a glimpse of "the Son of Man (Jesus) standing at the right hand of God"?

### **Make It Practical**

1. What circumstances do you face right now that you need to entrust to God? What worries are you struggling with that you need to entrust to God? What can this group do to support you?
2. Try to describe your life with a faith that would not be dominated by fear? Share a word or phrase that would describe that kind of faith?
3. Read John 16:33. What does this verse mean to you?

### **Pray Together**

1. Read Galatians 5:22-25. You will notice that fear and worry are not mentioned as a fruit of the Spirit. Which “piece of fruit” do you and the Holy Spirit need to work on? Share which one you need to work on and why?
2. Pray for the person on your right and left.