



The Fear of Failure

“The only thing to fear is fear itself.” The phrase means that the only thing holding the American people back from dealing with the Great Depression was fear. Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s famous expression relates to the idea of fear by showing how crippling and debilitating it can be if people let it rule their lives. One of the great fears of humanity is that of failure. There is a particular word that describes those who are paralyzed by the fear of failure – “risk.”

The fear of failure is something likely all of us have experienced at some point in our lives. Many of the people we encounter in the Bible dealt with it. We find this especially in times people are “called” by God for a particular task. There is a similar pattern found in these stories. First, there is an encounter with God and these encounters typically happen in the normal routines of life. Moses was tending sheep when he encountered the burning bush. Gideon was threshing wheat. When these encounters happen, God is bringing a call on someone’s life.

The “call” is then followed by various objections from the person called. Moses said, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” (Exodus 3:11). Even after God gives assurances, he continued to object: “O my Lord, I am not eloquent...but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue” (Exodus 4:10). We find a similar exchange of words when God called Gideon to go out and fight the Midianites who had invaded the land of Israel. “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house” (Judges 6:15). When God called Jeremiah to speak words of prophecy to God’s people, Jeremiah objected: "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young" (Jeremiah 1:6).

These stories help us see how God responds to human fears. In each case, God comes up alongside His servant to help. I want to share three principles this week and three more next week on how we can be full of courage to overcome the fear of failure. I want to use the story of Joshua, Moses’ protégé, who led Israel after Moses died. I can’t imagine following in the steps of Moses, a daunting task. Joshua doubted his ability, but God reassured him.

Notice what God did for Joshua to help him overcome his fear of failure. First, Joshua was reminded that God would be with him: “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you” (Joshua 1:5). Second, God gave Joshua a specific task: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses” (Joshua 1:2-3). In order to find success and fight off fear, Joshua and this new generation of Israelites had to focus their minds and hearts on the purpose God had given them. Third, Joshua was persuaded to live a courageous life: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). Every person needs the encouragement Joshua received when they stand on the banks of their Jordan River and see giants in the land. God will give you what we need to deal with your fear of failure.

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Arlington Friends
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Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

New to Our Family

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Suzanne 8/14



Welcome Back

John and Lisa
Potter
are back
worshipping
with us.
Welcome Home
John & Lisa

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, October 3, 2021

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SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY @10:30

Opening Prayer	George Sanders
Communion	David Tiller
Security	Bill Gilliam
"	Randy Riggs

Happy Birthday!!

Oct 3	Paige Mallicoat
Oct 4	Delinda Summers
Oct 8	Leah Tatum
Oct 10	Mark Harper



Family Matters



We continue to have our
Sunday Night Connections
at 6 p.m. and
Wednesday Night Bible
study at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

We are now offering **Bible classes**
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We will
have one combined adult class and sev-
eral children classes. We will meet for
worship at 10:30 a.m. Mask wearing will
be a personal choice. The adult Bible
class and the worship service will be live
streamed.

Wednesday night Bible study has
started back at 7 p.m. The adult Bible
class will also be accessible by Zoom.

We will be limiting our group
social gatherings outside of
worship due to the increase of
COVID. We hope to resume
home church, get-togethers,
and Fourth Sunday fellowship
soon. We will have Zoom
Bible study tonight at 6.

Men's breakfast at Cracker
Barrel, Cedar Bluff exit,
Thurs., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m.

Trunk or Treat, Sun., Oct. 31,
6-7 p.m. We will have food and
games. Please decorate the trunk
of your vehicle and pass out candy.
If weather is bad, we will move into
the fellowship hall.



Arlington Family:

Our sympathy is extended to...the Case
family in the passing of Rick Case

Our sympathy is extended to...Diana

Yarborough and her family as they mourn
the passing of her brother, Ronnie Dennis.
The funeral will be this Saturday, Oct. 9,
6 p.m., Memorial Gardens at Maryville,
1102 Big Springs Rd., Maryville, TN 37801.
Visitation from 4-6 p.m.

Rick Johnson and Lisa Potter have COVID
Ben Cavin is home now recovering
Teresa Heinz is home from the hospital
Gayle Brown is recovering from a fall
John and Laura Burka

Sue Childers is continuing to have ongoing
health problems

Danny & Deborah Davis are dealing with on-
going health problems

Tom Drinnen

Laurie Duncan

David Giles

Becky Johnson

Marge Percell

Mark & Heather Percell are dealing with on-
going health issues

Danny Rider

Sheila Riggs

Clovis Taylor

Shirley Waggoner

Missionaries:

Tom & Angie Langley

Shut Ins:

Rosaline Davis

Lynda Elliott

Doris Hightower

Katheryn Norman

Bill Pruett

Friends and Family

Susan Collins' daughter-in-law, Meagan
Collins, has COVID

Caroline Stanton-Hill's brother, Earl Werk-
heiser, has been diagnosed with a reoccur-
rence of cancer. He will start radiation soon.

Edith Weldon's cousin, Jerry, is recovering
from surgery

Betty Smith's 5 year old great niece, River
Folan, is battling cancer

Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law, Jay, is recov-
ering from surgery

Allen Rollings' 10 yr old cousin, Jesse Bradford,
has been diagnosed with cancer

Kim and Danny Jones' friend, Pam Baltrip, has
been diagnosed with metastatic ovarian
cancer

Marge Percell's nephew, Dean Percell, has
been diagnosed with cancer

Susan & Rick Collins' friend, Dennis, had by-
pass surgery last week

Diana Yarborough's friend, Janie Watkins, is
battling cancer

Aleta Esau's brother, Glenn Barber, has been
diagnosed with Lymphoma and has started
Chemo therapy

Teresa Combs' and Charlotte Giles' mother,
Claudette Terry, is having kidney problems

Tests show that Hoyt Box's cousin, Amy Cole-
man, has a new lymph node that is growing
Send cards to 7441 Hwy 70 So., Apt. 436,
Nashville, TN 37221

Becky Johnson's friends, the Lowerys, are
dealing with health issues