

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Fearless

Week of April 28, 2019

### Week 2: Facing the Fear of Failure (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

#### *Esther 4:8-16*

**Review:** In our journey to overcoming our greatest fears, we arrived at “the fear of failure”. The fear of failing causes many to avoid facing the challenges they were made for. We must overcome this fear. Esther can help. Esther shows us the path to courage in the face of potential failure.

**Kicking it off:** Jeff admitted to failing his motorcycle classification test. Have you ever failed a test related to your driver’s license? If so, confess it to the group!

#### **Discussion:**

1. Can you think of an area where you struggle with the fear of failing? If so, tell the group about it.
2. Esther was a beauty queen and she was being asked to get into politics. Read her reasons for wanting to stay out of her husband’s business. Esther 4:11  
*“Any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”*  
Why does Esther fear that she would fail in trying to get the law changed?
3. Why is failure so difficult for us to deal with?
4. Reread Mordecai’s challenge to Esther found in Esther 4:14  
*“If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish.”*  
How is this verse applicable to our fear of failure?
5. Reread Mordecai’s words found in Esther 14  
*“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*  
How are these words helpful for us in our attempts to discern God’s will?
6. Reread Esther’s courageous declaration found in Esther 4:16  
*“I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”*  
How are these words helpful in our desire to overcome the fear of failure?
7. Jeff said that it is better to “Obey and Fail” than to “Fail to Obey”. Is this true? Why?
8. Can you think of a time God was honored even though your obedience ended in failure? If so, share about it.

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God would help us learn to handle failure well. Pray for the courage to obey God in those callings that terrify.