



FearLESS; How will we live if God’s Love is Enough?

Theme: Every one of us CAN glorify God BY recalling God’s Love is Enough, Surrendering what holds us back, and Stepping from where we are.

I. OUR PURPOSE: FROM FEAR TO FEARLESS

a. For Parents

*B. For Indiana Jones **Raiders of the Lost Ark video clip***

C: Talk’s Purpose

To make the point more memorable, we’ll walk through an acronym: FearLESS: The first part, “L,” having faith that God’s Love is Enough.

II. FEARLESS STORIES

You may ask, Really? FearLESS? Does God expect us to live free of fear? I want us to ask ourselves: How will we live if we believe God’s love is enough? If we really believe God is Enough, might we fear, LESS?

A. Naomi

B. Reina

C. Bible Heroes

There’s a long list of both women and men in the Bible who display this pattern and I want to tell the story of one. But before I go there, I could have chosen....

PERSON	GOD’S LOVE IS ENOUGH	SURRENDERED	STEPPED	BUT NOT ALL OF US ARE
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Esther who believed	God would save Israel with or without her	“If I perish I perish”	Risked her life by going before King Xerxes and stopping the slaughter of her people	Queens (even though Mother’s Day is “queen for the day!”)
Joshua who believed	God would be with him as Moses handed him the leadership reins	“Be strong and courageous”	Led the people into the Promised Land	Leaders of nations
Mary	The terrifying announcement that she’d be the mother of the Messiah was actually good news	Said “let’s do this!”	Treasured God’s gift and role for her, shared the news with Elizabeth and Joseph	God’s mom. (Even though our kids might want us to believe we are.)
Jesus who believed	God is good	Came so we might have life, and life to the full	Was obedient, even to death on a cross	Well, God. Even though one day we’ll be like Jesus.

D. Hagar

Then the angel of the Lord told her, “Go back to your mistress and submit to her.” The angel added, “I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.” The angel of the Lord also said to her: “You ... will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael (God hears) for the Lord has heard of your misery. The angel added, “I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.” ...She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”



Genesis 16:9-11, 13

Hagar believed God's Love was Enough

Live FearLESS...God's

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God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation. "

Genesis 21:17-18

Step Our FearLESS...God's

Love is

Enough so

Surrender and

Step

PERSON	GOD'S LOVE IS ENOUGH	SURRENDERED	STEPPED	BECAUSE ALL OF US ARE...
Hagar, who believed that	God not only heard her son's needs but saw her own desperation	Returned to a difficult situation	Served somewhat faithfully and became the mother of a great nation...	Imperfect people who face hard challenges.

III. FEARLESS RESPONSES

A. What About Me?



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The words I believed were these:

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³⁷ ...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:28, 31-32, 37-39

B. What About Reina?

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself. — Joyce Maynard

C. What About You?

D. What About Josephine?

E. What About Us?

Think back on the ways God has come through for you, just like God came through for Hagar, for Reina, for Josephine, for Esther, for Joshua, and especially, how God restored the world as Jesus gave his dread over to God and stepped toward His captors.

- *I want you to take that fear in your hand and hold your hand near your heart. God loves you. Nothing will separate you from that love. He will use all for good.*
- *I want you to let Him nudge open your fingers with his love. Open your hand, surrender it to God.*
- *And I want you to feel God's hand in yours, holding your fingers with his capable, warm grasp. Ask him for one next step, a big step or a baby step. Ask him for wisdom and believe*



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He'll give it. If God's already shown you what to do next, decide when you'll take that step and tell someone about it, even if to ask them to pray for you.

Today, let's agree to God is calling you to. The God who hears, the God who sees, and the God who loves you for good.

