

Facing Your Fears

Sermon Series: Fear Factor

Joshua 1:1-9 & 5:13-15

FINDING YOUR FEARS

• What if ______ happens?

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- ✓ "Do not be afraid" <u>120 times</u>!
- ✓ "Do not fear" <u>131 times</u>!

3 Powerful Principles to Remember

• Approach fear with the right <u>attitude</u>: <u>courage</u>

• Navigate through fear with the right <u>compass</u>: <u>wise choices</u>

• Overcome fear by being on the right side: God's side

Facing Your Fears_Partt... Message by Pastor Jesse E. - (1/8/12). Sermon Series: Fear Factor

REALife Application

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Take another look at what was really at stake for the Israelites and try to put yourself in their shoes. Now think about your answer to: "What if ______ happens?" from your sermon notes. Do you relate more with Joshua and Caleb or the other 10 spies?

What choices could you make in the midst of your own circumstances that would help you be "strong and courageous"?

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