

# FEARLESS

## Embracing A Courageous Faith

Week 4: Fearless About Family by Pastor Jeremy Leaman

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### **Starter Questions:** [15-20 min]

- The times I get the most frustrated with my family are...
- The times I feel closest to my family are...

### **Discussion Questions:** [15 min]

1. We can so easily feel helpless because of the choices our family members make beyond our sensibilities or control. But we don't have to feel helpless, we can fight for their destiny and character.
  - ? – What are some of the battles that you are facing with some of your family members or loved ones: for example, attitudes, cultural influences, media, spiritual deception, marriages, temptations, life-style choices, bitterness, etc.
  - ? – When do you get most discouraged or fearful for members of your family or loved ones?
  - ? – Who are you fighting for right now, and how are you fighting for them?
  - ? – What is the difference between fighting for them and manipulating them?
  - ? – How do we learn to trust God with their choices, and their well being?
  - ? – How can we fight for family members in ways that they would feel appreciated?

### **Prayer Time:** [10-15 min]

2. In the Fearless Life, Jentezen Franklin says, "Don't sit around in fear of what their future holds. Don't be afraid that sin might destroy their lives. Stand up in faith and fight for your family, and God will fight for you."

Break into groups of 3-4 people. Share a situation, or a loved one that you are concerned about. Then have the group pray for each prayer request.

### **More Discussion Questions:** [30 min]

3. Read **Nehemiah 4:1-23**

One hundred and forty three years after the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple, Nehemiah returned to the land. He began to build up the walls around the city of Jerusalem.

- Make a list of the various obstacles Nehemiah and the Jewish people faced in rebuilding the city.
  - Make a list of the strategies and ways by which Nehemiah overcame those obstacles.
  - Quoting specific verses, show how Nehemiah relied upon God to help them.
  - What life lessons can we learn from this story that would help us not grow discouraged or fearful about our families, but would help us contend for their wellbeing?
4. Share a scripture verse that has been especially encouraging to you when standing with loved ones.
  5. Share of a testimony about a breakthrough in a loved one's life that you've seen more recently.

**Ministry Time:** [10-15min]