



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 32 – Fearless Hope Part 2
September 27, 2020

Psalm 139:13-18 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸ I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!
And when I wake up,
you are still with me!

Isaiah 44:24

"Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb..."

The word 'formed' in the Hebrew means to fashion or to mold into a form, especially as a potter - with a specific purpose in mind.

God is calling us out of our ordinary into His extraordinary.

Fear is crippling.

Imagine life without fear...what would it look like?

"Everything you want is on the other side of fear."

Jack Canfield

"The wise man in the storm prays to God. Not for safety from danger, but for deliverance from fear."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Once you become fearless, life becomes limitless.

1 Corinthians 2:9

⁹ However, as it is written:

*"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—*



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We can't be driven by hope and fear at the same time.

2 Corinthians 3:17

¹⁷ *...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Fear is a choice.

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

The one who chooses fear chooses to remain in the “ordinary”

The Israelite army chose fear.

Fear caused the Israelite army to operate in the ordinary.

David operated in the extraordinary because he did not give in to fear.

Courage is not the lack of fear - courage is choosing to not be controlled by fear.

“Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared”

Eddie Rickenbacker

“Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway.”

John Wayne

Fear and courage are *both* choices!

Psalm 56:3-4

³ *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*

⁴ *In God, whose word I praise—*

in God I trust and am not afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

Pray with David, “When I am afraid of _____, I will trust in You, O Lord.”

