



## Small Group Discussion Guide

### What's Ahead —A Conclusion; A Beginning

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### Fearless Living in Frightening Seasons

1 Peter 3:13–14 (NASB®)

And who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And **do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,**

### Impact of Fear

- Paralysis of fear
- Silence of fear
- Retreat of fear

1. What are the most frightening things do you see happening in our world?
2. What are the most hopeful things you are aware of at the present time?

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV®)

For **God has not given us a spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The spirit of fear, a person without a body, does not come from God.

3. Have you ever been silenced or retreated because of fear? Explain.

Psalm 56:3–4 (NIV®)

<sup>3</sup> **When I am afraid, I will trust in you.**

<sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?

Trust is the antidote to fear! Where fear prevails our trust is small.

Trust in God and His word will enable us to overcome the paralysis of fear.

4. Describe a part of your journey where you have learned to “trust in God” more fully and have found strength and courage.
  
5. Is there a passage of Scripture which has given you courage to act in the face of fear?
  
6. How do you imagine the fears we confront differ from the fears of Believers in Iran, Nigeria, Havana, Ukraine or Gaza?
  
7. How can we pray for our brothers and sisters in these places?

## **Prayer**

We keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better. I pray also that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which He has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. Amen. [Adapted from Ephesians 1:17–21 (NIV®)]