



## Liberty LifeGroups Discussion

### Family Adventure 4

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This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [www.experienceliberty.org](http://www.experienceliberty.org) and select the Sermon title listed above.

### The Family Adventure Part 4      The Fearless Leader

As men we will make many mistakes in our attempt to lead. We will make mistakes in our marriage, in our fatherhood and in our idea of what a manly leadership role should be.

Let's be honest, men: We fail.

- Wives, how do you feel about the possibility of your husband failing? How can you as his Biblical helper, encourage him when he does fail?
- Wives, can you tell of a time when he failed at something and how you reacted? Did you give him an encouraging word or was it a degrading word? How do you think he felt in either regard?

When you look at the church congregation, how does the ratio of men to women play out?

- Statistically more women go to church than men. Why? What do you think one great need of the church might be considering that statistic and why is it such an important need?
- Why do men rarely engage in spiritual interactions? Which harder to establish: a women's LifeGroup or a men's LifeGroup? Why?
- Men, in general, are very much like the father that raised them. How can either a Godly father figure or an ungodly father figure benefit our young men?

**1 Corinthians 16:13** *Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.*

Paul gives four expectations for men to follow.

#### **First is be on the alert (WATCH):**

If you served in the military, and have ever stood a watch, then you know what this means. A Christian is always in danger, and therefore should always be on the watch.

- What are some potential dangers a Christian man should be on guard against? How about in his leadership role?
- Sometimes men are not only attacked outside the church but from inside the church as well, especially in a Pastoral role. What could be some instances when Pastoral men should be on guard?
- The Greek *gregoreuo* ( to be alert) means to be in a constant state of readiness at all times. Its like a man rising up from sleep. The first use of *gregoreuo* by our Lord is in relation to His Second Coming. He wants us to be alert for we do not know the hour when He will return, but we know He will return. Do you think the church has fell asleep at the wheel? Has the church lost its edge?

#### **Second Paul says we must stand fast in the faith:**

The phrase **stand fast(firm)** has three modifiers in the NT and all are critical if one is to stand firm - (1) stand firm **in the faith** (1 Cor 16:13), (2) standing firm **in one spirit** (Phi 1:27), and (3) stand firm **in the Lord** (Phi 4:1, 1 Th 3:8).



Paul, speaking about the faith, refers not to the ACT of believing but rather to WHAT is believed. If you are to stand firm in the faith, you must be totally committed to the object of your faith.

- As men, if we are not attending church or being open about our spirituality, especially with our family, what does that say about our faith?
- Satan wants to destroy the family unit. How can men become more involved in the family?

**Third, Paul says we must be brave:**

- How does today's culture define courage? Is the definition of courage different today than it was 2000 years ago regarding men?
- How about Biblical courage? How do we define that?
- Remember Joshua as he takes the lead from Moses? What did God tell him?  
*"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

Our men must understand to be strong and of good courage is to trust God. But you can't trust God until you know His word, His promise!

- Read Joshua 1:8 to find the key to courage.

**Finally, Paul says to be strong**

The person who thinks he is strong in himself is in the greatest danger of falling.

- Men who believe their strength comes from the outside will fail when it comes to spirituality. Chuck Swindoll nails the issue: The strength to obey the Lord is not connected to an Olympian physique. It comes by the power of God to the inner person—the unseen character, attitudes, affections, and passions that drive us toward the good and away from the bad. Our responsibility is to take on the world's challenges with strength, but we must do so knowing that our strength comes from the Lord, not from ourselves.

Real strength for men is to step up and handle the tasks ahead of us. We can't be ostriches!

- Men, what task or issue have you sidestepped and failed to take charge of?
- How can we be the strong person that God meant for us to be?