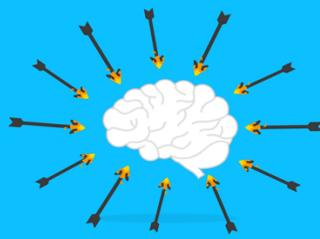


FIERY



DARTS

Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 5

This week we concluded our series entitled **Fiery Darts** and Pastor Curt taught us that when life begins to overwhelm us the temptation is to abandon faith and play it safe. “I have a mortgage to pay, I have a family to care for, I have a job to keep, and I must keep my faith to myself, don’t make waves, keep it quiet, only believe and trust what I can understand, let my reasoning be my guide.” These fiery darts are subtle, and we can be deceived into thinking playing safe is reasonable. We looked at the life of Moses and it took him a while, but his life teaches us to abandon safe and live by faith!

When we live by “playing it safe,” we keep ourselves **trapped in the past**, haunted by failures, hurts, mistakes and pain. The enemy knows that the more you go over old history, the more you repeat it. “Safe” will also keep us **satisfied today** which leads to complacency. There is a difference in contentment and complacency. Contentment means being at peace with your life, and all that God has blessed you with. Complacency means that you are satisfied with today, never wanting to move forward. And “safe” will keep us **afraid of tomorrow**. Playing it safe will rob us of the greatest moments God has planned for us.

So, how do we live by faith? **Realize that God is and has already been at work in us, refuse to be defined by anything but God, and we have to keep moving as God leads.** Your act of obedience is going to change the destiny of somebody, so - Live by faith!

Discussion Questions

- The theme of Moses’ life was, “abandon safe and live by faith.” What does this statement mean to you? Has there been a time in your life when you’ve stepped out on the ledge of faith and took a jump? What was the outcome?
- Do you feel that you are holding onto something from your past? Do you feel that it is preventing you from moving forward? What are steps you can take to release the past and press forward in faith?
- Life isn’t life until you are willing to take risks. What risks do you need to take in your own life? Is there a desire in your heart to do something, but you have been too afraid? Is there something the Lord is asking of you?

Prayer Focus

Father God, I know that you love me and want the best for me. Help me to boldly step into the calling you have for my life and give me opportunities to represent you well this week as I seek to live by faith.

Next Steps

When we live by faith our lives impact those around us. What type of impact can you make on those around you? Is there someone in particular that you need to pray for, spend some time with, bless, or even just call? This week, focus on making an impact on one key person in your life. This could be a friend, family member, co-worker, or neighbor. Pray through how the Lord would like to use you in their life this week.

Leader Tip

Begin to pray specifically about your summer session and make plans for multiplication for the fall by launching a new Group out of your current one or turning the Group over to someone else and starting a new Group on your own. Remember Groups are for growing and multiplying!