



I'M IN

[RUN BY FAITH]

**SMALL GROUP GUIDE
WEEK 5**

SESSION 5

FACING YOUR FEARS

@ CHECKING IN

1. In the "Living on Purpose" section of session 4, you were encouraged to take a step toward getting involved in a ministry at the church or an outreach in the community. Does anyone have a follow-up story to share?
2. Share a verse or insight that was especially meaningful to you in your I'M IN daily devotions this past week.

@ MEMORY VERSE

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20 NCV

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FOLLOW ALONG IN YOUR OUTLINE.**

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Life is all about taking risks. How do you take risks in faith rather than caving in to fear?

1. The Principle of _____: Get the facts.

Every prudent man acts out of knowledge. Proverbs 13:16 NIV

Wise people think before they act. They do all they can to fully understand the risk they are about to take.

"Get the facts at any price." Proverbs 23:23 TLB

The facts may be scary, but there is nothing more frightening than ignorance.

2. The Principle of _____: Count the cost.

Don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates . . . Or what king would ever dream of going to war without first sitting down with his counselors and discussing whether his army of 10,000 is strong enough to defeat the 20,000 men who are marching against him? Luke 14:28,31 TLB

Know what you have. Know what you need. Know what you are trusting God for. Every decision has a price tag.

3. The Principle of _____: Plan your steps.

You have to think about what you are doing and where you are going. God gave you a brain because He meant for you to use it.

A prudent man gives thought to his steps. Proverbs 14:15 NIV

We should make plans—counting on God to direct us. Proverbs 16:9 TLB

Prayer and preparation go together. As you pray, plan. And as you plan, pray, asking God to direct you. The prepared life is an effective life.

4. The Principle of _____: Announce your goal.

What you should say is this: "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that."

James 4:15 TEV

Goals are statements of faith. When you announce your goal, it builds your faith and holds you accountable to other people.

5. The Principle of _____: Let go and leap out.

When I am afraid, I will put my confidence in you. Yes, I will trust the promises of God. Psalm 56:3 TLB

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is moving ahead in spite of your fear.

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

Philippians 4:13 TEV

The Key to Daring Faith: _____.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Quit praying and get the people moving! Forward, march!" Exodus 14:15 TLB

Can you imagine God saying such a thing? "Quit praying and get moving!" People often use prayer as an excuse to procrastinate. But there comes a time when you must stop talking about it and thinking about it and praying about it, and just do something about it.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- Ephesians 3:20 says, *"With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine."* What are you asking? What are you imagining God can do in and through your life?
- Is there something you need to stop talking and thinking and praying about, and just start doing? What is your personal Red Sea?
- What fear do you need to move against? What practical step can you take to move in the right direction?

LIVING ON PURPOSE

- **Evangelism:** Jesus said, *"You will be my witnesses"* (Acts 1:8 NIV). A witness simply tells others what he has seen, heard, and experienced. Whom do you know who needs to hear what you have seen, heard, and experienced in your walk with Christ? Share their name with your group. Are you afraid to share your faith with them? What could happen if you moved against your fear?
- **Worship:** The Bible says, *"With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine"* (Ephesians 3:20 NEV). As you are praying about your gift for the I'M IN offering, move against fear and give by faith. Dare to ask God what He wants to give through you, and then do what He tells you to do. (Please keep your gift amount confidential.) This is the biggest challenge we have ever taken on at NewPointe. And it is the greatest opportunity we have ever had to not only touch our neighbors, but to exponentially expand the reach of our mission across the planet. You can get more information at newpointe.org/imin.

PRAYER DIRECTION

- Pray for each other that God will give you courage to move against your fears this week.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests. Be sure to record them on the *Small Group Prayer and Praise Report* on page 78 of this study guide. Commit to pray for each other's requests every day this week.

DIVING DEEPER

- Read the I'M IN daily devotions for days 29 to 35 in this study guide. If it's more convenient, you can listen to the daily devotions at newpointe.org/imin. They're free!
- Read the Memory Verse on page 53 every day this week as part of your quiet time. See if you can memorize it before your next group meeting.

BEFORE YOU GO

- There is only one session left in this study of I'M IN: Run by Faith. This would be a good time to decide what you want to study next if your group stays together. We recommend the Talk It Over Guide on our website at newpointe.org/talkitover. You should take some time to talk as a group about continuing to meet as a small group after this study. If you need help choosing your next study, connect with your Campus Pastor.
- Plan a seventh session together where you can celebrate what God has done in your lives through this small group study. This should be a dinner, barbecue, or picnic where the focus is on fellowship. It is also an excellent opportunity to invite people who might be interested in joining your small group should you continue. Start making plans now.
- I'M IN Instagram Challenge: We dare you to share a picture of the people who will be supporting you as you move against your fears. #npimin