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Living

Intentionally Fearless

EVERY DAY

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Introduction

"Fear," what a word! I think of it and my heart starts to beat extremely fast because it has been my faithful companion for most of my young adult life. I spent countless years with fear manifesting in my everyday anxieties where I found myself living full of regret of the past, or grasping at the future.

However, when I think of the word "fearless," I know it requires me to change the way I think about fear. It compels me to come out of my comfortable space, being stretched beyond my natural limits, and doing things that I know God intended for me to do, even if I am afraid to do them. This phrase "intentionally fearless" has struck a chord with me in this new season of life.

I chuckle thinking about it because I know that God is wanting more of me; He is expecting more from me, and I know I am not alone in this. He's wanting and expecting more from you as well. He's calling out for you and me to live intentionally fearless in Him and for Him every day, and that's something that causes fear in us as well.

But what does “intentionally fearless” mean? Let’s break these two words down. Intentionally: doing something purposefully, deliberately, willfully, consciously, knowingly; it’s calculated, preconceived, premeditated, or by design. Fearless: simply means lacking fear; being unafraid, bold, brave, courageous, daring, and valiant. Being “intentionally fearless” requires me to purposefully and consciously choose to be bold, brave, and unafraid in all that I do!

However, sometimes we don’t think we are good enough, have enough, or know enough to do what He is asking us to do. What will people say if we mess up? There must surely be others out there way more qualified to do what God is asking of me than me! Can’t He just choose someone else? Yet, the answer always comes back, “No, I’ve chosen you,” and the heart starts to beat fast again. But here’s the thing, fear is what keeps you and me from reaching our goals, and from reaching the destiny and purpose God has for us. The journey to our destination will have its challenges and that’s what we fear the most. We so easily forget that if God called us, He will equip us for every hurdle, every challenge, and

every storm that wants to stop His purpose in our lives. Fear keeps us from trusting God and obtaining our victories. Fear is the strategy that the enemy uses to hinder us from moving forward in all that God has for us.

But why? Why do we continually allow ourselves to be guided by that strategy of fear instead of trusting our mighty, able, willing, all-powerful God?

Fear is a feeling that all of us experience. It's a part of who we are as human beings. It's okay to feel fear, however, it's not okay to allow fear to dictate what we do or don't do for God, or in life. We must take a stand against the enemy and His schemes and begin trusting God and His plans for us.

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

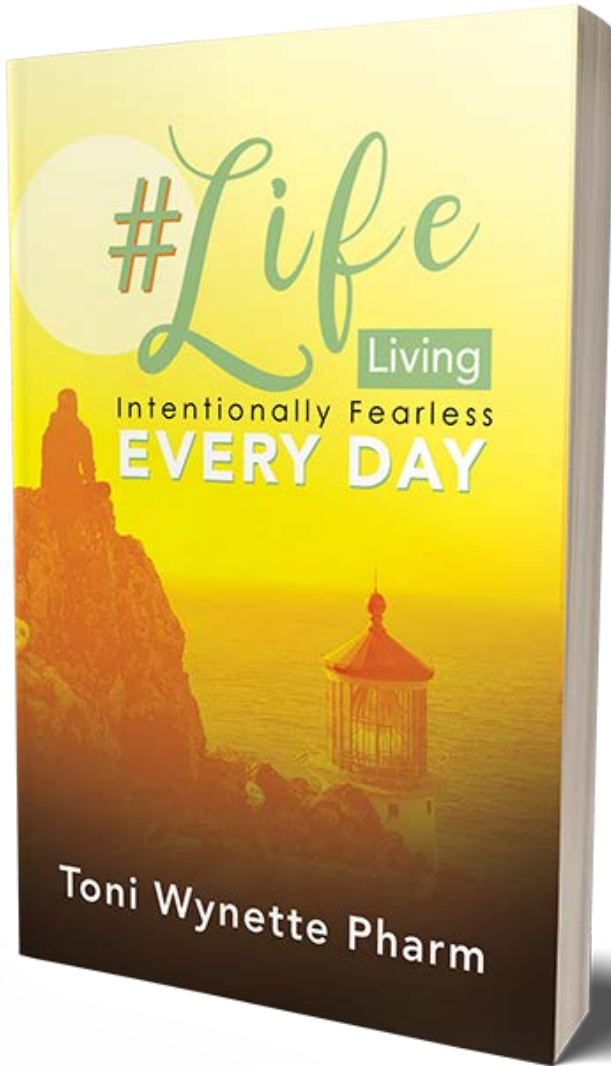
Choose today to trust God; choose today to obey beyond fear. Don't miss out on all God has for you because you are letting

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fear, an overwhelming emotion, be your guide. Let's not allow our emotions to lead our actions, but rather our obedience.

As we enter into the next chapter, phase, or juncture in our lives, we must understand it's an opportunity to be resolute with God about obeying Him no matter what this time around. Decide to be FEARLESS for Him! Be who He has called you to be, don't settle for less. I have decided to live intentionally fearless every day, and to do what He is asking of me beyond what I may feel or fear. This is a promise I make with Him and one I make for myself. Are you ready for this **L.I.F.E.**? I am!

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