

GRACE FOX

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Leading Women in Fearless Faith



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Newsletter

Overcoming the Fear of Making Mistakes

Someone once said, "The biggest mistake you can make is continually fearing you will make one." This statement is especially relevant to leaders, because of its potential to limit effectiveness. How so?

For starters, the fear of making a mistake can prevent us from expressing our opinions especially when they involve sensitive issues. We don't want to appear uninformed by saying the wrong thing, so we remain silent when we ought to speak up.

The fear of making a mistake can also hinder us from welcoming change or trying new programs lest they fail. Doubts fill our minds: *What if volunteers don't step forward? What if we don't have enough money? What if it fizzles? Maybe I'm assuming this idea is heaven-sent when, in reality, it's just my own fleeting fancy. Maybe I should play it safe and stick with what I know will work.*

If you've wrestled with this type of fear, remember that mistakes don't signal the end of the world. Neither do they lessen our worth in God's eyes. Mistakes do, however, provide learning opportunities that teach us how to attempt new projects more effectively next time.

Gary Thomas writes, "Many people choose safe lives in which failure (and, therefore, real success) is highly unlikely. They never take risks, and they never fail; but they also die without any real service. They may never make a mistake, but they'll also never make a difference." Effective leaders are those who blaze new territory, rather than choosing the safe route. Sometimes, this means failure by human standards; sometimes it means whopping success. It *always* requires the willingness and courage to make mistakes. How can you find this courage?

- Be honest with God and others about your fear.
- Ask several mature believers to pray for you in this regard.
- Ask God to show Himself strong in your weakness.
- Move forward, do your best, and let God do the rest.

As a leader, be bold and don't allow the fear of making a mistake hinder your effectiveness. Try new ideas, remembering that the One who has called you will also guide your decisions as you seek to honor Him.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 31: Mississauga, ON
World Vision Chapel

Nov. 1-8: Ontario
Girls Night Out Tour
www.gnolive.ca

Nov. 9-11: Prince George, BC
Ness Lake Bible Camp
Women's retreat

Nov. 16-18: Abbotsford, BC
Ev. Free Women's Retreat

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Vancouver, BC
Lutheran Women's Retreat

To book Grace:

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Testimonials

"Grace Fox can address an audience of hundreds, yet make you feel as though she's having a conversation just with you. She handles tough topics with scriptural truth, humor, and inspires women to believe that with God all things are possible."

Margaret Gibb
President, Women Alive

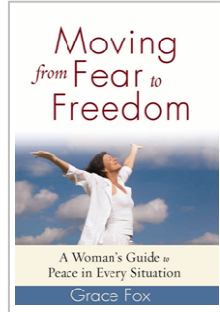
New Book & Presentation

Women of all ages struggle with one common issue – fear. It wears different faces, but its destructive effect is the same.

Grace Fox leads women to fearless faith in her new book, ***Moving from Fear to Freedom***, now available in bookstores everywhere and at: www.GraceFox.com

Grace also addresses fear in her new presentation, *Fearless & Free*. Her message provides women with the answers to unlock fear's grip on their lives. Grace helps women:

- Rise above the fear of inadequacy to embrace new opportunities such as local service projects, overseas missions trips, or leadership positions.
- Overcome financial insecurity to reevaluate the felt need to work outside the home.
- Conquer the fear of rejection, and develop confidence to make new friendships or mentor younger women.



Invite Grace to share this all-important message at your next women's event. To book her, call **604-755-8285** or email: Grace@GraceFox.com

What's New?



As of September 1, my husband, Gene, and I are the national directors for **International Messengers Canada**, a mission that specializes in creative short-term and career opportunities, mostly in Eastern Europe.

Our first assignment was a trip to Slovakia and Poland in September, where we met our 100 missionaries and saw several of their projects firsthand.

Gene and I will work to help provide missionary care overseas, raise awareness of IM's presence in Canada and recruit teams for 2 – 3 week mission opportunities.

If you're interested in learning more, call us at **604-755-8285** or visit:

www.InternationalMessengers.org

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