

Fearless

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You Must?

- **You must** give way to anxiety! You cannot possibly avoid the overwhelming flood of fretful imaginations!
- **You must** crumple up into the fetal position and give way to the paralysis of fear! You cannot possibly be the hero. You are nothing! You are a coward and nothing more! Stay down! Stay put! And stay afraid!

Grabbing Ahold of the Banister

“Disaster is Lurking Just Around the Corner!”

- You will have an accident
- You will catch a fatal disease
- This thing that happened to them will happen to you
- That discomfort you feel in your body is something very serious
- That spot on your body is the first sign of a fatal disease
- If you don't do something, and do it now, it will be too late
- Run for your life, give sway to panic, fear, dread, and trepidation

And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

Nehemiah 6:11

The Fearless Legends of Yesteryear

- Hudson Taylor - "I'm called to China!"
- Rees Howells - "Not one person will die from the plague who finds shelter on our land."
- C.T. Studd - "God will be my strength!"
- Amy Carmichael - "Knowing all the risks, I'm going!"
- Gladys Aylward - "There is a barrier between you and me, take one step closer and you will find out!"

We read of a stag that roamed about in the greatest security, by reason of its having a label on its neck, "*Touch me not, I belong to Caesar*": thus the true servants of God are always safe, even among lions, bears, serpents, fire, water, thunder, and tempests; for all creatures know and reverence the shadow of God.

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Touch Me Not, I Belong to Jesus

Eric Ludy's Stress Disorder

Rock Beneath our Feet

- The LORD is their light and their salvation; so whom shall they fear? The LORD is the strength of their life; so, of whom shall they be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)
- Though a host should encamp against them, their heart shall not fear: though war should rise against them, they remain confident in their God. (Psalm 27:3)
- Because God will never leave them or forsake them (Hebrews 13:5)
- and He ever lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25)
- God is their refuge and strength, a very present help in their trouble. Therefore, they will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea (Psalm 46:1-2)

- And no weapon that is formed against them shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against them in judgment God shall condemn. (Isaiah 54:17)
- The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)

Believing the Record

And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knows that he saith true, that you might believe.

John 19:35

He that believes not God hath made Him a liar; because he believes not the record that God gave of His Son.

1 John 5:10

Therefore, We Will Not Fear

The Preposterous Statement

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Psalm 46:2

The Promise Behind the Preposterous Statement

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **Therefore, will not we fear**, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Psalm 46:1-2

The Preposterous Statement

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Tensile Toughness

Built to go through anything . . . *fearlessly*

The First Turn

To the Hiding Place called God

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1

There is a faith . . . whereby a man doth betake himself unto God for shelter, for protection as to his habitation; when other men do run one this way, another that way, to their hiding places: in the time of a plague for a man then to betake himself to God, as to his habitation, I think this is the faith here spoken of in this 91st Psalm

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