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Bump in the Night by Julia Bettencourt

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. Psalm 56:3

Well, Halloween is getting closer and I've already seen lots of Halloween decorations in the stores. Another thing we have to look forward to this time of year is all those scary movie advertisements.

When I was little, those old black and white vampire movies were scary enough for me. Just the look in that vampire's eyes would send me right under the blanket. I'd hide my head under the covers until I thought it was safe to come out. Actually I still hold the blanket up in front of my face if I don't want to see something scary on television. When I'm smart, I just turn it off.

Yes! I admit it. I'm a scaredy-cat! I got to thinking about being afraid and some of the things that we as Christians are afraid of.

Things of Our Own Making

Adam in the Garden of Eden comes to mind. Well, what do you know? I guess humans have been scaredy-cats from way back. Here it was at the very beginning of the earth and Adam was afraid. Remember Adam and Eve had eaten of the fruit that God told them not to. They weren't hiding under the covers but they were hiding in the garden.

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. Genesis 3:8-10

Breaking fellowship with the Lord is a scary place to be. I know some people live right there most of their lives, getting farther and farther away from God.

There are other consequences of our own making too, not necessarily all rooted in sin. It may be that sometimes we have to make decisions that are hard because we know there are going to be consequences that come along with those decisions.

Sometimes these things of our own making seem to be lurking there like a big shadow in the dark that comes right up to us and shout boo!

Things That Are Bigger Than We Are

Are you familiar with Goliath and the challenge he gave Saul and the Israelites in 1 Samuel? Here comes that big giant of a Philistine and it sent shivers through those big strong men that were in the army. When I read that chapter, I can just hear Goliath's words of challenge just bellowing out of him.

It says that, *When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. 1 Samuel 17:11*

Ever have something come in your life that was just bigger than you are? An extremely heavy burden that you've had to bear? It looks like a monster in the dark with its big fangs looming over you.

Things that are way bigger than us and make us feel tiny in comparison are one of those things that make us afraid.

Things That We Don't Understand

Look at Mary, the mother of Jesus in Luke chapter 1. The angel came to her and told her that she was chosen to carry the Christ-child. Certainly Mary had reason to be afraid. She didn't understand what was happening.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. Luke 1:29, 30

I think that the things we don't understand sometimes are the scariest. It's hard to deal with those things because we don't know how to process it or see it in a tangible form.

It's like the howling sounds of the wind on a dark and stormy night shrieking at us.

Things That Give Us Immediate Danger

That story of Peter walking on the water comes to my mind. Remember how he got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. He was fine until he started looking around and took his eyes off of the Lord.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? Matthew 14:30, 31

Peter's fear was of immediate danger. He thought he was going to drown right then and there if the Lord didn't help him. Don't you hate those immediate danger situations? They are scary. You might be in the middle of one right now.

It's like those big old waves are staring at you in the face and starting to cover you until you feel you can't breathe anymore.

In Conclusion:

There are always going to be things that are going to scare us and make us afraid, even as Christians. Fear is an emotion we have built in us as humans but we shouldn't let fear overtake us.

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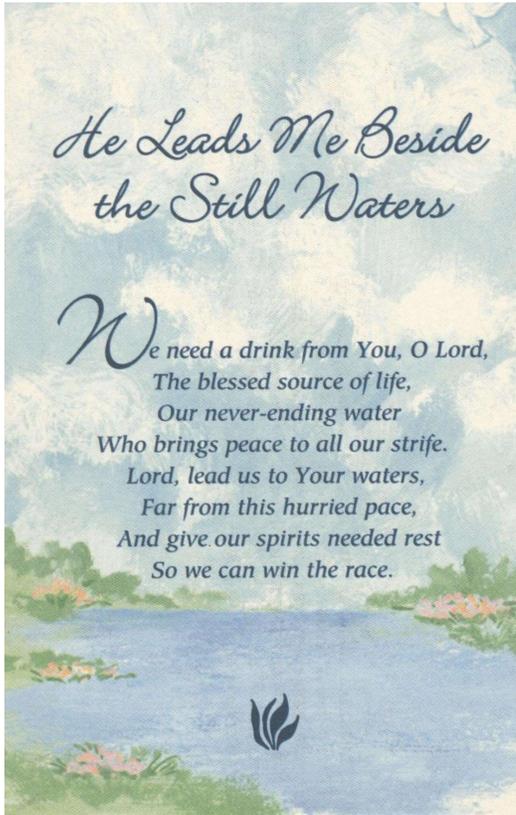
Maybe you are going through life hiding under the covers, and you've been under there so long that you feel you can't breathe. Your heart's beating so loudly you can't hear the Lord's voice anymore. Your forehead's wet with perspiration and you are shaking so badly that you are literally craving some comfort.

Just take a peek out and feel some fresh air hit your face and look at Jesus. Let His light meet you where you are at and fill you with his Son-shine. Just give your fears to the Lord and fall into His arms and let Him comfort you.

Don't go through life being afraid. Let the Lord give you that peace and calm in a way that only He can do. When those scary things rear their ugly head or go bump in the night, that's a good time to concentrate on Christ.

There are some things we've just got to let go of and give over to the Lord and our fears are one of those things.

So, are your fears overtaking you?



*He Leads Me Beside
the Still Waters*

*We need a drink from You, O Lord,
The blessed source of life,
Our never-ending water
Who brings peace to all our strife.
Lord, lead us to Your waters,
Far from this hurried pace,
And give our spirits needed rest
So we can win the race.*

~submitted by Bettie Rickards

Birthdays for November

Steven Thomas	2
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Jose Rodriguez	5
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Jesus Morfin	8
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Joe Zavatsky	18
Arvilla Peer	27
Barbara Moore	27
Betty Glenn	29

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Merlin drove Myrtle to the local library to return a book Myrtle had borrowed.

When they arrived, Myrtle stormed up to the front desk of the library and with an irritated voice said, "I have a complaint!"

"How can I help you?" said the librarian looking up at her.

"I borrowed a book last week and it was horrible!"

Puzzled by her complaint the librarian asked "What was wrong with it?"

"It had way too many characters and there was no plot!" said Myrtle.

The librarian nodded and said, "Ahhh. So YOU must be the person who took our phone book."

~submitted by Florence Conte

Verse of the Month for November

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

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