Fearless

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 Carmichal - “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.

Bellarmine

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)

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• 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.

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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;

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The Preposterous Statement

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

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He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

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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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