

LORD, I'M SCARED TO DEATH

JEHOSHAPHAT

2 CHRONICLES 20:3

Day 18

King Jehoshaphat faced the armies of three different nations, all at the same time. It was to be an impossible situation. He was afraid. He did turn to the Lord in prayer, and he did involve others in the prayer time. He responded properly. I wonder if praying is the main issue here. No, I think not. Jehoshaphat was afraid & his prayer sounded like there was fear present.

Maybe, the main issue in our lives is whether we admit that we are afraid. A man does not like to reveal fear because it means he is weak (so he thinks). We would rather treat our tough times as troubles, trials, momentary interruptions, or "the breaks" just to hide the fear. Many of the times when I face troubles, I really am afraid. I do acknowledge that the Lord of the great "fear not's" is my strength & He will not fail me.

Deep in my being where no one can see, I am scared to death at times. I am afraid of: the future, watching the bank account go down, wondering how long the car will last, how long I will have to endure my current circumstances, the health & success of my children, letting down those who depend on me, the pending crises in the world, and a million other things.

"People who trust the Lord should not be afraid", you say? We are, though. If fear were no problem for us, then the Bible would not be full of "fear not's". I have quit denying it. At times, I am afraid of what might be coming. I tell the Lord now; I never used to. He has not laughed once. I feel apologetic sometimes, but I admit it anyway. I am tired of trying to be a tough guy with no problems. I am an average guy with lots of problems.

The Lord responded to me, "I understand your fear; it's OK. I'm here." Then He walked over & put His arms around me & said, "Fear Not".

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What things really scare you?
2. Look up all the "fear not's" in your concordance, and write down all the things we need not be afraid of.

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.