



## Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# The Karate Kid (2010)

(3 of 3: Being Unafraid)

### Media Information

Rating:

PG

Year: 2010

Director: Harald Zwart

Stars: Jaden Smith  
Jackie Chan

### Clip Description

Timing: 2:02:10-2:03:50

*Movie Description:*  
After moving to China, a boy is beaten and bullied. His maintenance man Mr. Han agrees to train him in Kung Fu to fight the bullies in a tournament, rather than in the street.

*Clip Description:*  
Dre has been injured and convinces Mr. Han to help him return to tournament by explaining that he wants to not be afraid anymore.

### Related

#### Scripture:

1 John 4:18; John 14:27  
Romans 8:14-17

#### Catechism:

#1808  
#1972

### Faith Connection

Near the end of this movie (both of them!) the Karate Kid lays injured in the tournament locker room and begs his mentor to provide temporary healing for his leg so that he can finish what he started. In this version, Dre makes his reason explicit to Mr. Han: "I'm still afraid." He says that no matter happens (win or lose) he wants to go home not afraid anymore. One of the most repeated phrases in the Bible is "be not afraid" or "fear not" or the like. Surrendering fear is very Christian. First, God's love should drive out any fear in us; what have we to fear when we are beloved of God? And second, we are called to face and overcome our fears by trusting in that love of God, by trusting that doing the right thing, fighting against evil, will result in good. Dre demands the chance to face his fear, to stand and face the evil that's made him afraid. Do we have the same courage? The same trust in God as Dre did in Mr. Han? Do we let God's love drive out our fear or not?

### Discussion Questions

1. What makes you afraid? Why?
2. How do you handle your fears?
3. Ever involved God in your fears? Why or not?
4. How might you involve God in allaying your fears?
5. Do you feel like an adopted child of God? Why or why not?

