

Kevin Miller, Vice President, Christianity Today International, told this story.

“A few summers ago, we took a family vacation to Toronto. All the guidebooks said, “You have to go up the CN Tower, the world's tallest building and freestanding structure.

“I didn't think that was a good idea, because I have a great fear of heights. Just the thought of being 1,815 feet above the ground made me queasy. But the kids said, ‘Aww, Dad, we gotta go. C'mon, Dad,’ so against my better judgment, we went.

“I was the last one into the elevator, and I turned around ... Then we started up. It was only then that I realized that the door of this elevator was actually made of glass, and that this elevator was affixed to the outside of the tower. So as we rushed up the side of the CN Tower ... I could see the city of Toronto falling away at my feet. I was only inches from the door— and from the air outside and a freefall.

“My palms started sweating, my throat got tight, and I started breathing really fast. I told myself, ‘Just hang on. Soon you'll be on the observation floor.’

“I stumbled out of the elevator onto the observation floor, where I thought it would be safe. But I found that some sadist had installed a glass floor there, so that people could walk on it, and look straight down to the ground.

“The kids were laughing as they walked onto the glass floor, jumped up and down, and even laid down. ‘C'mon, Dad!’ they yelled.

“I didn't care how thick those blocks of glass were; they were installed by the contractor with the lowest bid, so I wasn't going to chance it.”

God's Word teaches that Christ has delivered us from the bondage of sin “through ... faith in the power of God” (Colossians 2:12). But I wonder, do we as Christians live like Kevin, in fear of stepping out by faith? Kevin needed faith in the floor, we need faith in God. The result is that we live in bondage to our fears, rather than enjoy the abundant life God wants to give us. I think there is a wide gap between professing faith in God and actually stepping out in faith in God.