

Shadow Boxing

When I was a child I can remember a time I was especially scared in the dark. My mom allowed me to keep the bathroom light on, under the condition that I kept the door cracked, so it was mostly dark in the room.

One night, I was spooked pretty good by my own imagination, and I felt the need to leave my bed and walk towards the bathroom. As I was halfway there, it happened. I heard something and I turned around carefully to see what was behind me. And behold there it was, my shadow! I bolted to the bathroom for refuge. As my heart pounded, I realized the shadow was no more and the light was bright and safe. I then began to laugh, because the shadow was my own and no monster was out to get me.

Interestingly the imagery is the message for us today. *“God is light and in Him and in Him there is no darkness at all.”* 1 John 1:5 *“He is the strong tower, the righteous run to Him and are safe!”* (Proverbs 18:10)

FDR addressed America in his inaugural address to a scared and depressed nation. He said, “This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself...” He summed it up with what we needed to remember again. We have hope!

“God is before us; We are more than conquerors in Him.” (Romans 8:31 and 37) He will dispel the darkness, the fear, the uncertainty. And He will always be the light for us, for our security, our future and our eternity.

I don't fear the boogie man, death or even my greatest of enemies because the light shines before us and in Christ I am safe. May we run to God and stop fighting the fight that has already been won! We are redeemed:)

Blessings,
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