



Today's News

Fear

"We have nothing to fear except fear itself." These words were uttered by President Roosevelt at the beginning of USA entering World War 2.

Fear is contagious and Roosevelt wanted to "nip it in the bud", so to speak. He wanted to spread courage and not fear to the people of this great nation. His bravery was encouragement to a nation that would be entering a conflict that would last for several years. I remember as a child, hearing his "fireside chats" during the course of a school day. We interrupted classes to hear him speak over the airways, words of hope. I believe God raised up men like Churchill and Roosevelt, MacArthur, and Eisenhower, and Patton, and all our fighting men and women, to win the war that all men feared over the whole scope of our planet.

Fear has been said to be False Evidence Appearing Real. And so it is, we as children began to fear all sorts of things. from the trivial to the gigantic. We carried this into our adult lives.

We read in chapter 11 of the book of Hebrews, an account of courage and bravery, even to the death. Our Lord faced fear and looked it in the eye in the garden of Gethsemane. He felt the fear, but proceeded to face the cross with determination and steadfastness. "Not my will, but thine be done" was his response to fear and trepidation. He won the battle over fear, death, hell and the grave. He is our champion, and God grant us the courage and bravery that he demonstrated! The biblical antidote to fear is love, because perfect love casts out fear! (1 John 4:18) May God grant us His perfect love!