



February 2023 News Letter |

WILL NOT BE AFRAID

Psalm 56:11: **“In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.”**

.Over the years, have you experienced threats to your life, your family, your livelihood, your reputation, or testimony? How many of us have experienced the fear, helplessness, or frustrated anger that are the result of a direct or indirect assault on our well-being? How can we deal with the threat and the person behind it?

First, introspection: Have I done anything, intentionally or otherwise, to provoke such a threat? This is a good time to check and see if my motives, actions, and words are honorable. If I have done anything which could hurt or threaten that individual, I must apologize and ask for forgiveness from that person.

Remember: we can't please everyone, no matter how upright we try to be. "Woe unto him who all speak well of". The Lord will see that the truth is done. Also, remembering that "We shall suffer for His namesake".

Remember: the Lord will protect His Children. He will never leave or forsake me! He will assist me in dealing with all the burdens and cares of life.

Pray: for understanding and compassion for the person that threatened me, my family, livelihood, reputation or testimony. Christ may not be in that person. Fear or deep unhappiness may cause defensive threatening words and actions.

Praise God: for my security in Him, for the times He has protected me in the past, for His awesome Love and power, for the Faith He has given me to Love and trust Him, and for His Holy Spirit who indwells me.

Only then, do we have the wisdom and strength to respond to the threat as Our Lord desires: not in an angry, fearful, or unjust manner, but in a manner that will bring honor and glory to God.

In His love, Norman Patterson, Adult Sunday School Teacher

Upcoming Events

Feb 5 9:30 AM Pancakes with the Pastor

Feb 9 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study at Patterson's

Feb 16 7:00 PM Valentines Dinner at Beaugard's – Bob Jones speaker

Feb 19 11:00 AM – Bob Jones brings message