



Faith Has No Room For Fear

One night in the bustling city, there was a kid named Marcus. He was just like any other 7-year-old, but he had one major fear: the darkness of the city streets. Marcus would often feel uneasy walking through dimly lit alleys with the sounds of sirens and honking cars echoing around him.

One evening, as Marcus was heading home from school, his older cousin named Leo noticed his nervousness. Leo sensed his fear and decided to have a heart-to-heart conversation.

"Hey, Marcus, what's up? I can see something bothering you. Is everything okay?" Leo asked, leaning against the graffiti-covered wall. With a uneasy sigh, Marcus replied, "Leo, I can't help it, but the darkness of the city scares me. There's so much happening out there, and I feel like anything can happen." Leo nodded, understanding his cousin's fears. He said, "I get it. The city nights can feel overwhelming sometimes. But let me tell you a story grandma told me to help me face my fears."

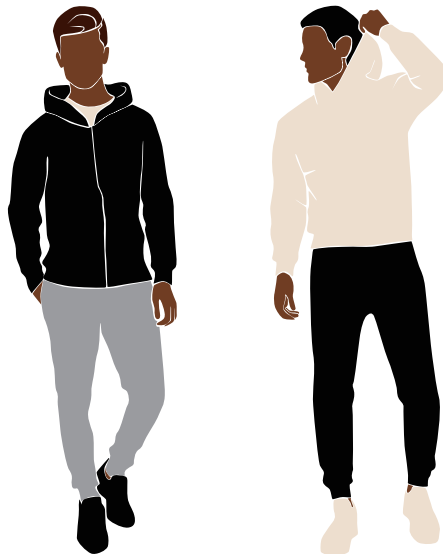
Curious, Marcus leaned closer, his eyes gleaming with anticipation. Leo began, "Back in the day, there was a dude named Daniel. He lived in a big city filled with powerful rulers and fierce lions. One day, the king made a law that nobody could pray to any other god except him. But Daniel loved and worshipped God, so he continued praying to Him, even though he knew it was not allowed." Wide-eyed, Marcus interrupted, "Whoa, that sounds dangerous! I would be scared to go against those rules!" He continued, "Exactly, Marcus. Daniel was scared too, but he trusted in God and prayed for strength and protection. When the king ordered him to be thrown into a den of lions, God shut the lions' mouths, and Daniel came out safe and sound." Marcus was amazed and said, "That's crazy, Leo! God really helped Daniel, even though he was so afraid!"



Leo nodded, smiling, "Yep! God's got our backs, no matter where we are. We can pray to Him, just like Daniel did, and have faith that He will give us the courage to face our fears head-on."

Marcus felt a newfound sense of hope. So he decided to give it a try. From that moment on, as he walked through the city streets at night, he prayed silently, asking for God's presence and protection. With each passing day, Marcus began to notice how his fears started to fade away. He realized that even in the darkness of the city, God's light was shining, guiding him and keeping him safe.

So, remember that when you face your fears, big or small, you can put your trust in God. He will walk with you through the bustling streets, illuminating the path ahead and filling your heart with courage.



"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4