

## **Stand Tall Against the Fear of Terrorism and War**

The fear of terrorism and war started when Cain murdered his brother, Abel. It has continued through the centuries. It continued through the extermination of millions of innocent people by the Nazis. Today, genocide happens in Africa, but it doesn't always make the front page of our papers. Gone are the days of feeling secure. Our enemies can hit anytime, anywhere, and they will strike if given the slightest opportunity. Terrorism is that way. There are too many targets to guard and too many creative ideas in the minds of evil geniuses.

R. C. Sproul said in "When Worlds Collide," "Terrorism is a war of the mind, designed to get to the nerves and the will. . . . To terrorize people is to paralyze them. It is to cripple their economy, rob them of the joy of travel, and keep them ever frightened from performing the simple acts of normal daily life such as shopping, riding a bus, or eating in a restaurant. Even churches are no longer places of 'sanctuary,' refuges from cold-blooded attacks. This kind of evil not only allows for war, it demands it."

As Christians, why should we cower in fear when we are followers of the One who was crucified and buried, but is now and forever alive? It is not all about how strong we are, it is about how strong God is! There are a lot of things out there that could or could not happen to us, but, what we know to be sure is that the promises of God are true. Do we know what those promises are? If the fear of terrorism and war troubles you, memorize Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This is what you and I need to do right now:

Step 1. Admit our weakness and our need for God.

Step 2. Make our first priority a relationship with the Lord.

Step 3. Develop our relationship through daily prayer.

Step 4. Learn what God wants me to do and receive daily doses of comfort and inspiration by reading the Bible.

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