

Why So Afraid Have You Lost Faith – June 23, 2024

I find it odd, that historically, especially throughout the last Century we have contrasted Belief and Knowledge, Religion versus Science, when throughout Scripture the contrast is between FAITH versus FEAR.

Somehow, we have become lost as a people of GOD.

We worry about our Safety and Security. We want only success and the rewards of life.

When circumstances do not go as we desire we become angry and blame others.

The example of David against Goliath, is that David did not stand alone, he did not stand securely defended by an Army; David stood with GOD for all he believed.

When storms came up out of no where, crossing the sea at night, Jesus calmed the storm.

In light of this, I share with you the wisdom of Paul Harvey writing to his Grandchildren.

For those who missed out, Paul Harvey was a Radio Announcer in the Midwest, who reported the news as it happened, rather than modern-day for entertainment or prediction of the future.

Paul Harvey also spoke unvarnished wisdom, explaining “The Rest of the Story.”

1. I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and honesty by having been cheated.
2. I hope you learn to make your own bed to mow the lawn and wash the car by hand.
3. I hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen, or graduate school.
4. It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog pass away.
5. I hope you get a black eye, physically or in acceptance, fighting for things you believe in.
6. I hope you have to share a bedroom. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle, but when your family comes to you scared, I hope you let him in.
7. When you see a movie and your brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let them.
8. I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends, and that you live in a place where you can do so safely.
9. On rainy days when you catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as Family.
10. If you want a slingshot, I hope you are taught how to make one, instead of buying one.
11. I hope you learn to dig in the dirt, to grow flowers, to read books and use imagination.
12. When you use computers, I hope you can also add, subtract and multiply in your head.
13. I hope you get teased when you have your first crush; and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.
14. May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand cooking and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.
15. I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it... And if a friend offers you dope, I hope you realize they are not your friend.
16. I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Aunts and Uncles.
17. May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during holidays, as well as the opposite.
18. I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a ball through a window and that she hugs and kisses you at Christmas when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.
19. These things I wish for you – tough times and disappointments, hard work and happiness. To me, FAITH IN THE MIDST OF OUR FEARS is the only way to appreciate life.

20. I hope you have failures and fears as well as successes, because then you will have believed and lived to try to make a difference for others.