



**Words of Wisdom** by [John T Polk II](#)  
For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*

**10-23-2017**

**Scared, Of What?**

What scares you this time of the year? Is it houses haunted by fake "ghosts and goblins?" Or is it sights and sounds that are not human and hard to identify? Or is it make-believe "zombies," "vampires," or "werewolves?" The only time dead people walked the earth again was when Jesus Christ died on the cross, an earthquake opened graves,

And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many (**Matthew 27:52-53**).

They proved Jesus was raised from the dead, not that we should fear the night. If you obey God, then:

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet (**Proverbs 3:24**).

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**Jesus Is No Ghost**

After Jesus fed a multitude of 5000 men, not counting women and children, with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, He sent His disciples on the sea of Galilee ahead of Him.

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them,

walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid' (**Matthew 14:24-27**).

They were afraid when they thought they were dealing with a "ghost," or out-of-body being, but were mistaken. Faith in Jesus Christ overcomes fear.

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**Jesus Is No Zombie**

But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay' (**Matthew 28:5-6**).

An "angel of the Lord" opened Jesus' tomb on the first day of the week. When the women came to His tomb, it was opened, and the angel had to say, "Do not be afraid." Death is so final, people are afraid to think a body has escaped its tomb. There is a difference in make-believe "Zombies," and a resurrected body. Jesus was no "Zombie," for "He is risen," that is, His is body lived again. The thought of make-believe "Zombies" creates fear, the actual fact of Jesus' resurrection creates faith! "Do not be afraid."

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**Faith Or Cowardice**

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. 'And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled' (**1 Peter 3:13-14**).

Christians stand for the truth of God’s Word, having no dread from “threats, nor be troubled.” Our confidence comes from obeying God’s Word.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (**2 Timothy 1:7**).

This “spirit of fear” is “cowardice,” or shrinking back from. The Bible shows us God’s “power” over everything; it brings out the best in us as “love;” and gives us “a sound mind,” or controlled attitude, we call “confidence.” Christians fear less and have less to fear.

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**Fear of Salvation**

People are afraid of Jesus Christ when they don’t know, nor understand, the truth about Him. He walked on the sea and His disciples “supposed it was a ghost, and cried out ” (**Mark 6:49-50**). At His resurrection, the women were told:

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said” (**Matthew 28:5-6**).

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments (**1 John 5:3**).

People who don’t know nor understand the truth about salvation are afraid to be baptized to be saved. God explained:

Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (**Romans 6:3**).

No salvation is out of Christ. Fear not to obey.

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