

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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Most of us have at sometime had a child that was afraid of the dark. The child may have been convinced there was a monster under the bed or in the closet. The minute a parent turned on a light, the monster disappeared. Hugs and kisses calmed the child into peaceful sleep. We may smile but the fear was very real to the child.

As adults we don't have that kind of fear...do we? You may say, not me! No, not the kind of fear the child had. However, there are fears that become part of our lives and can keep us from being happy.

The fear of failing health is a worry to some. Maybe we fear the day will come when we cannot function as we do now. We hear of possible epidemics or sudden illnesses that can be devastating. How about the fear of losing a job? Every day we hear of another business that has failed leaving people out of work. What about the very foundation of our Christian belief being challenged? Maybe we fear a day when our public worship will be forbidden. The day will come for all when we will leave this world. It is kinda like a long trip. We look forward to the destination but not the trip. It is also understandable if we fear the future for our children and grandchildren. We want them to live their lives without fear.

So...how can we face our fears? How can we not be afraid of the darkness? The light that dispels the darkness is found in God's love letter to us. The Bible holds the answer to every fear we have: Acts 10:35, 1 John 4:18, Mark 4:40, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 56:3, Psalm 56:11, Luke 12:32. All these and many, many more are there just for us. Our Lord is truly "the God of all comfort". Praise His name! We don't need to be afraid of the darkness.