

## **I Will Fear No Evil**

“Grampa...Do bad men crash airplanes into people’s houses too?” The obvious (though unspoken) question is, “Are we safe in our home? And will bad men crash airplanes into mine?”

Now, uneasiness over the possibility of attack is not unfamiliar to those of us who grew up in the 50’s. But it is new to children growing up in the perceived safety of the post cold war era. And, thanks to the “miracle” of 21st century communications, they have personally witnessed the fiery assault on the twin towers, time and time again. The question on Grampa’s mind is, “How shall I answer in a way that gives assurance and confidence to this little one while preparing them, some day, to be equipped to deal with the realities of life?”

I believe the answer is found not only in what we say but in how we live. Attitudes, faith and values are caught as much as they are taught. Do your children and grandchildren see confidence and purpose in the way you live? Do you demonstrate the quiet assurance of knowing that your own life is safe in the arms of God and that He is in control?

How should we answer our children? For the moment, the answer is, “You are safe and secure in Grampa’s arms.” For the future, the answer is only found in your example of a life lived in service to God. For the secret of living a life untouched by terror is to live your life in such a way that you are not afraid to die.

God Bless,

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