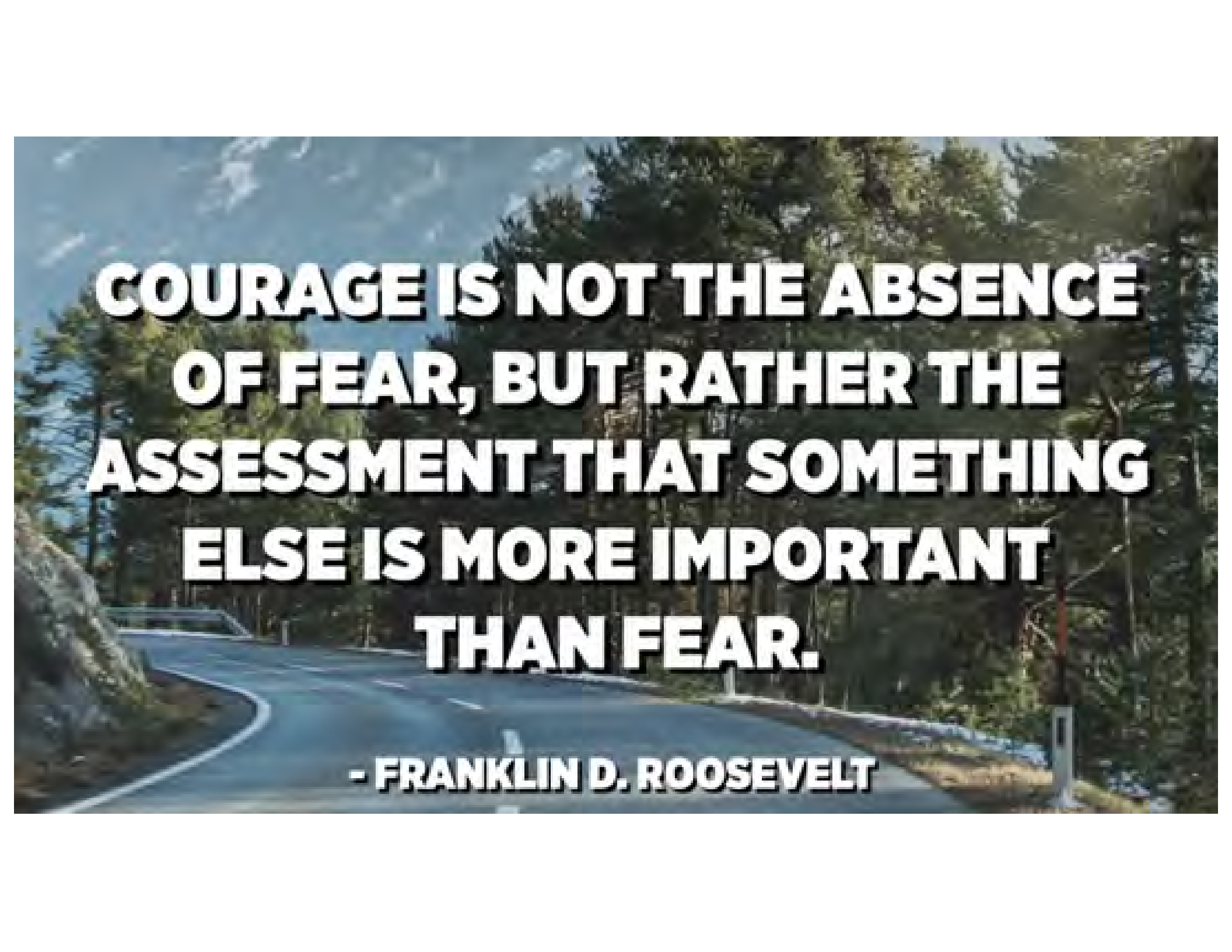


“Conflicts vs Rewards”
Matthew 10: 34-42

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A photograph of a paved road that curves through a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The sky is visible through the canopy, showing a blue sky with some light clouds. The road has white dashed lines and a solid white line on the left side. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

**COURAGE IS NOT THE ABSENCE
OF FEAR, BUT RATHER THE
ASSESSMENT THAT SOMETHING
ELSE IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN FEAR.**

- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



FEAR & FAITH
cannot coexist
in our hearts at
the same time.

Neil L. Andersen


Verse 34 - 37

**Conflict within families –
*Worldviews will collide***

Sword = “*macharia*” = a knife

Root word = “*mache*” – a battle, a
controversy, war

I thought Jesus was the Prince of Peace?

A scenic landscape at dusk or dawn. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted mountains. Below the mountains, a valley is visible, partially obscured by a layer of mist or low clouds. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

A photograph of a snowy street scene. On the left, a black street lamp with a glowing yellow light stands on a sidewalk covered in snow. In the background, a row of streetlights and buildings are visible through the snow. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall atmosphere is quiet and wintry.

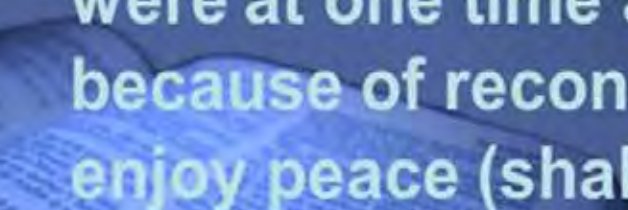
Glory TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST,
AND *on* EARTH
PEACE, GOOD WILL
toward MEN

LUKE 2:14

Peace on earth and good will toward men speaks of Jesus bringing peace between God and man

Meaning of Reconciliation...

Means the fixing of a broken relationship due to hostilities by one or both parties. This is a significant New Testament salvation term. Christians were at one time at war with God. Now because of reconciliation, we currently enjoy peace (shalom) with our Creator.



Jesus' teachings will divide families

**This division is most noted in a person's
worldview**



Doctrine determines worldview >

Worldview determines values >

Values determines conduct

Psychosis, Addiction, Chronic Vomiting: As Weed Becomes More Potent, Teens Are Getting Sick

With THC levels close to 100 percent, today's cannabis products are making some teenagers highly dependent and dangerously ill.

Worlds are colliding

Those not in God's kingdom, call evil good and good evil, even family

We are divided over abortion, race, and homosexual acceptance as being normal and moral

What we must realize:

We are all sinners

We all need Jesus

We are all in the same boat, the sin boat

We all need the Savior to save us

We cannot pretend that sin is not sin!

For the true Christian, this is a settled issue!

Christ or culture

Christos Kurios – *Christ is Lord!*

Those who compromise the truth for family peace, Jesus warns – verse 37

Spurgeon's quote seems appropriate for our time



**“To pursue union at the expense of truth
is treason to the Lord Jesus.”**

~ Charles H. Spurgeon

Verse 38 - 39

Determined: Take up your cross
and follow

What does take up your cross and follow Me really mean?

Taking up your cross is an invitation to die to my will and my way daily

To put to death the desire of my soul (thoughts, feelings, and emotions)

Tripartite nature



Why all this death and misery talk?

Jesus is telling us the truth on what to expect from the world system under Satan's control

This is hard stuff!

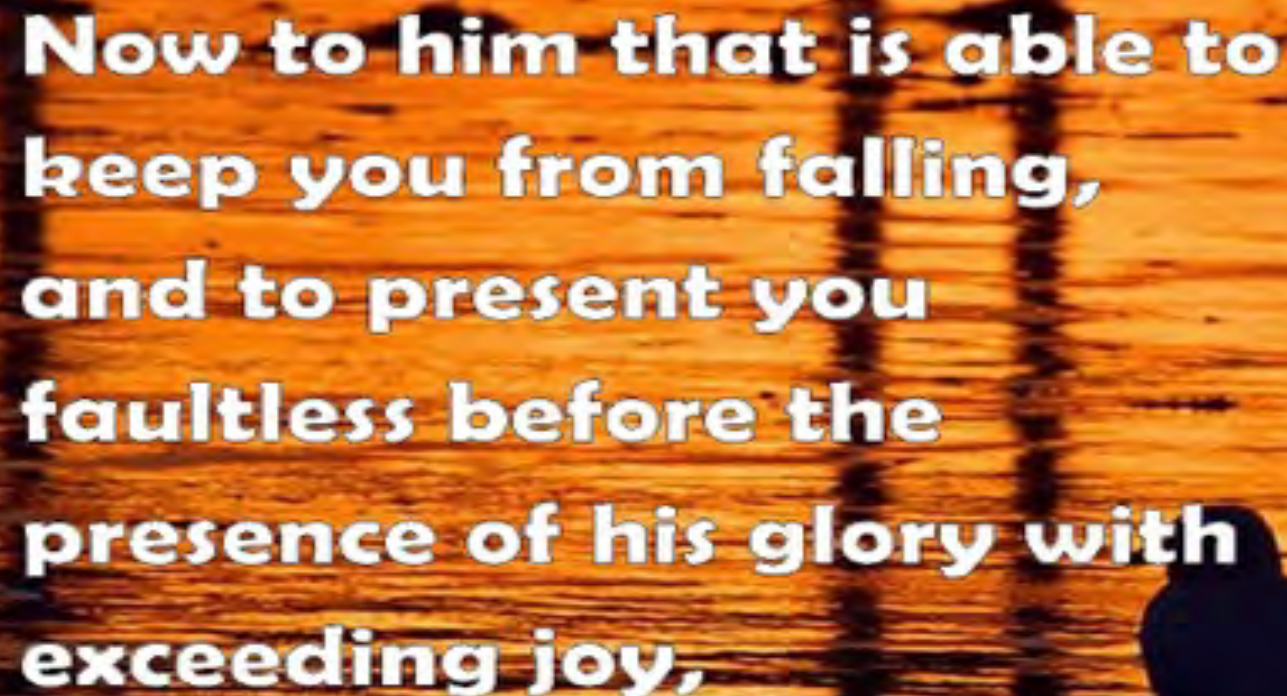
This is not American Church stuff!

This is not fairy tale Christianity!

Take a breath – *relief is just a swallow away!*

...Relief is just
a swallow
away~



A photograph of a sunset over water. The sky is a deep orange, and the water reflects the light, creating vertical streaks of orange and yellow. In the lower right corner, the dark silhouette of a bird, possibly a seagull, is visible, standing on the water's surface.

**Now to him that is able to
keep you from falling,
and to present you
faultless before the
presence of his glory with
exceeding joy,**

—Jude 1:24

Verse 40 - 42
Relief and Rewards

Jesus will always tell you the truth!

There are rewards awaiting those who follow the Master

When worlds collide, gain peace, gain perspective – ***hear the words of Jesus!***
John 12: 26

Think about this:

Your arrival in heaven is very precious to God, honored by God – **Psalm 116: 15**

CLOSING:

Conflicts will happen as worldviews collide

Your loyalty to our Savior will be tested

Hope – the earnest expectation that something good is going to happen

We are a people of HOPE!

Not pretend, pie in the sky HOPE

But real HOPE – Romans 15: 13

Overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit!!

Overflowing HOPE, superabounding HOPE,
only believers have superabounding HOPE

***Only believers have the power of the Holy Spirit and
HOPE in impossible situations!***

We can also expect over the top rewards

Rewards, or loss of rewards, for works
done for Christ after salvation
(Bema Seat Judgment)

Allow your mind to bathe in the Majesty of God

Ponder the following words of Scripture

Romans 11: 33-36

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!