



It's amazing how many things people can be afraid of. There's the fear of sickness, job loss, failure, commitment, and public speaking. Some people are afraid of things like taking tests, swimming, animals, insects, heights or even what the future holds—and the list goes on!

Whatever the fear may be, it's important to know that it does not come from God. In fact, fear is one of the primary weapons Satan uses to keep people from fulfilling God's destiny for their lives.

So I ask you: What are you afraid of today? Is there a situation or circumstance that threatens to overwhelm you? Is something stealing your peace and causing you to worry?

If so, I want to encourage you to know that God sees you, He loves you, and He wants you to trust Him to help you!

First John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love [dread does not exist]. But perfect (complete, full-grown) love drives out fear..." (AMP).

Understanding how much God loves us and desires to help us is the antidote for fear.

When I think of my own children—especially when they were younger—there's almost nothing I wouldn't do to help them if they were in trouble. Or if someone tried to harm them, they better watch out...because no one gets between a mom and her kids!

If we feel this way about our children, then how do you think God feels about us? And unlike us, He has no limitations. Nothing is impossible with Him—He can help us in every situation, on every occasion.

We need to understand that when the Lord tells us to "fear not," He's not saying we will never feel fear. We will all feel afraid at various times in our lives. However, He is telling us not to allow fear to control us and prevent us from moving forward.

True courage is moving forward in the face of fear. You still feel fear, but you are determined—with God's help—to move forward anyway.

When we feel fear, we have a choice—we can do it afraid!

I will never forget an experience I had in the early days of my ministry when I was invited to speak at a conference. One of the speakers had canceled, and I was their replacement. Now, I wasn't one of the primary speakers—they asked me to conduct one of the smaller workshops on the side.



John O'Connell 1934-2017

John "Jack" O'Connell, 82, of Cottage Grove passed away February 15, 2017. He was born June 18, 1934, in Redwood City, CA

to Robert and Annie (Walker) O'Connell. Jack served in the Navy reserves and attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo for Animal Husbandry. Jack married Sonja H. Huber on May 28, 1960, in Redwood City, CA. Jack refurbished the Tripp Store, a pioneer landmark in Woodside, CA and was the proud builder of three homes; one of which is the Victorian farmhouse present on his 80 acres of land in Oregon. He also enjoyed ranching, woodworking, gardening, breeding and showing miniature horses. He retired as the Director of the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program for Bay Area Counties.

Douglas Ladd 1958-2017



Douglas Jay Ladd, 58 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away February 15, 2017. He was born June 18, 1958, in Myrtle Point, OR to Jack and Rita (Raisor) Ladd. Doug was raised in Cottage Grove, attended London Elementa-

ry and graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1976. He went to LCC, Linfield, PCC and became a Certified Computer Programmer. Doug loved concerts in the park, going to the lake, spending time with his family & friends and was really

Memorial Notice

Jeanette L. Thompson, 93, of Cottage Grove died Sunday, Feb. 19. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. at Grace Manor, 2811 Bailey Lane (near Coburg Rd. Safeway) in Eugene.

He is survived by his wife Sonja O'Connell, Cottage Grove, OR, daughters; Shawn (Tom) McVey, Rocklin, CA, Maureen (Tim) Goode, Menlo Park, CA, son Tim (Pam) O'Connell, Fair Oaks, CA; and 5 grandchildren. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7, Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424.

into computers. He is survived by his father Jack Ladd, siblings; Debra (Butch), Dennis (Tammy), Diane (Mike), Donna (Don), Doris (Gary) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Rita. A Celebration of Life and potluck will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday February 25, 2017, at the Dorena Grange. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

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When the day came, all of the workshop speakers had to get up on stage and share what they would talk about the next day. I remember the other speakers having impressive titles like "pastor," "reverend," and so forth. But I was just Joyce, from Fenton, Missouri—a nobody from nowhere.

When it was my turn to talk, I was absolutely petrified. The 900 people in the audience looked like nine million to me. I was so scared that when I opened my mouth, I couldn't get my voice to work. Nothing came out but a squeak.

Right then, I wanted to run off the stage. I could hear the enemy's thoughts running through my mind: What do you think you're doing here? You need to go back to Fenton!

But somehow, I managed to begin talking and shared what my workshop was about. The next day, to my surprise, a lot of people came to hear me speak. I thank God I didn't run from fear that day, because I would have forfeited the blessings He had in store for me!

You see, Satan wants us to shrink back in fear and live tiny, useless lives. But God desires for us to live free from the effects of fear and live big, fulfilling lives! He wants us to enjoy freedom and creativity, unhampered by fear and anxiety.

In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge]" (AMP).

This is both a promise and a command. Through Jesus Christ, we can enjoy supernatural peace that goes beyond anything the world can offer. But we also have a part to play. God is saying, "Don't allow yourself to be paralyzed with fear. Refuse to let the enemy stop you!"

Remember, whatever you're facing today, God is bigger than your worries, your problems and your fears. He knows every one of your needs before you ever have them, and He delights in taking care of you.

Frances Lucille (Abeene) Lusk 1924-2017



Lucille Lusk passed away at the age of 92. She was born in her grandparent Banton's farm house to parents Joseph Harold Abeene and Garland Clio (Banton) Abeene. She was the middle child with two sisters: Lavelle (Abeene) Stimmel (deceased) and Laveta (Abeene) Hughes of Bedford, Texas. She was the outdoor helper to her father and her uncles called her "Bill" in her younger years. She married Hugh Dale (Gene) Lusk in 1942. They were married 49 years when Gene passed away. They had four children: Farrys Ostendorp of Cottage Grove, Chad Lusk (deceased), Craig Lusk of Richland, Washington and Cole Lusk of Salsha, Alaska. She had 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She shared a number of later years with her companion, Ken Smith (deceased). They traveled to Alaska and around the United States. She lived the major part of her life in the London/Cottage Grove area. She worked for Knickerbockers, Ford Garage, Dale McMullin's Chevrolet and was a Secretary in the 4J School District at the Jefferson, Curtin and Bohemia Schools. She loved the outdoors, hiking and driving backroads, looking for rocks, bottles and arrowheads, snowmobiling and studying genealogy. She valued spending time with good friends socializing and traveling. She spent a number of winters in Yuma snowbirding. The family wishes to thank Hospice for the wonderful care and counsel they offered in her last weeks. At her request, there will be no memorial or funeral service.

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John Ladd - 1929-2017



John Ladd, born in Aitkin, Minnesota in 1929, hitch hiked his way to Oregon at the young age of only 15 in pursuit of job opportunities and a better life. John was a man said to have had more lives than a cat. There were multiple on the job events in his life that a normal, and I use that word loosely, person couldn't have survived - but John did. John was the embodiment of strength and had a work ethic matched by no other so it was only natural that he created a career in life wherein he worked for himself. John Ladd Logging Company made its start in 1951 and was owned and operated by him and his (now deceased) wife, Priscilla (Cline) Ladd, until the day he retired. He loved working in the woods and long after his retirement could still be seen reading the pages of Loggers World and The Little Salesman - commenting on equipment he could buy and jobs he could bid. He was a traditional man's man and was talented at many things.

It's believed that John lived for as long as he did (87) due to sheer stubbornness alone and that he chose to pass away on February 13, 2017, so he could meet his wife in heaven in time for what would have been their 65th Valentine's Day together; and to be rejoined with also his son, David Ladd, and grandson, Jon Ladd - whom all predeceased him. John is survived by his son, Ronald Ladd; daughter, Judy Williams; sister and brother-in-law, Jessie & Verne Cline; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry & Darlene Ladd; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

John Ladd had a life well-lived. Through his strong will and determination he turned his goals in life into accomplishments and is an icon of the American dream. He passed those traits down to his children and grandchildren - all forever thankful that he did. John Ladd will be missed.

A funeral service was held on Friday, February 17, 2017, at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, Oregon followed by the interment at Comstock Cemetery.

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