

Assurance in the Swamp

A young boy walked with his father three miles from their rural home to his grandmother's house. While they were visiting, the sun set.

Between the two homes was a swamp. That night, the croaking of the frogs, the chirping of the crickets and the shadows of the trees frightened the boy. He asked his father if there was any danger of something catching them, but the man assured the youngster there was nothing to dread.

And so, taking the boy by the hand, he said, "I will not allow anything to harm you." Immediately, the boy's fears passed away.

Someone has said there are three keys to real peace:

1. Fret not – because God loves you (1 John 4:16)
2. Faint not – because God holds you (Psalm 139:10)
3. Fear not – because God keeps you (Psalm 121:5)

Just as was the case with the father and the little boy, God holds our hand. We don't have to be afraid.

Happy are the people whose God is the Lord (Psalm 144:15).

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