

Devotion: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Wrapped in his furs and leathers, mounted on his great warhorse, [Bran's] lord father loomed over him like a giant. "Robb says the man died bravely [reported Bran], but Jon said he was afraid."

"What do you think?" his father asked.

Bran thought about it. "Can a man still be brave if he's afraid?"

"That is the only time a man can be brave," his father told him.

—George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

It's not that I'm a huge fan of Game of Thrones, a show about dragons and witches and of course, zombies. But, it does seem at this time that we are fighting our own evil things, not knowing what dragon will appear next, or what zombie will be on the next news cast.

We are living in a time when we can prove what it means to be a true follower of Christ. By our charity and generosity and mercy and prayer we can show the world, who knows the church only by past headlines, that we are disciples of Jesus in the true sense.

In the midst of the chaos we preach love and faith in the name of Christ.

Joanna Adams writes this:

Faith is not the absence of fear, but the courage to walk through the fear; to take the hand that is offered. To be courageous is not to be fearless; it is to be able to act in spite of fear. Fear is morally neutral. It has nothing to do with your character. It just shows up in response to a real or imagined danger. We cannot control whether we are going to be visited by fear, but we can decide whether or not we are going to let fear in and let it live in our hearts and control what we do.

In these strange and unprecedented times, let's all show some faith in the face of fear.

Let us pray;

Almighty and merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully those things that you command, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Our Bishop has announced that the Conference Office will be closed until Mid April.

He is advising all churches to cancel all worship and meetings until the beginning of April.

Check on your neighbors.

PUSH---Pray Until Something Happens

Let me know if there are any needs out there.

Pastor Jack