

The sum of our faith

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Tragedy has once again struck our homeland, and once again we are tested in our resolve. The events at the Boston marathon are a clear indication that those who live in torment are seeking to use violence to torment others. Their evil intentions are to accomplish their depraved agenda through the sum of our fears. But we as a people are not so easily manipulated, because we are people of faith.

Fear can never conquer faith because it is the opposite of faith. Fear necessitates that you think and believe the worst is yet to come. It requires you to deny the very existence of faith by acting on what you see above what you believe. Fear is most effective when faith is not present. It lives in the realm that what may happen is going to be worse than what already has. It tries to get you to live in terror of what might happen next. For us as believers, what happens next is that we call on our faith.

Faith conquers fear. It is more powerful than fear because it exists in spite of fear. "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). It overrides what you see with what you believe, and it assures you that what you believe is greater than what is to come. Faith is the assurance that although today may not be the way you want it, tomorrow it will be. Because we live by faith, there is no fear in us.

Despite what our enemies are saying about us, America is still one nation under God, and we still declare "in God we trust". We are strong because we have overcome adversity. We will not bow down to terrorism. The last enemy to be destroyed is death so will continue to speak life. For God is and always will be our solution. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). The events in Boston have brought us to our knees, but it is there that we have found the strength to pray. Our head is bloodied but still unbowed.

Our faith as a nation is still strong. No terrorist bomb can ever destroy that. The bible declares that "no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me, declares the LORD" (Isaiah 57:17). We have God on our side. Those that have pleasure in forging their weapons will not prevail in the end. They cannot and will not break our faith or our resolve. The sum of our faith is greater than the sum of our fears.

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