

The Marshwiggles

OK – I have to admit it: I have some real struggles with worry. My Dad was a worrier and suffered a number of physical woes from worrying. Perhaps I modeled myself after Dad or perhaps I honed the skill myself but in either case I find myself thinking of all the possibilities of bad things that could happen. Ironically, for many of us this is what our employers pay us to do. We are paid to think of all the bad possibilities and to prevent them from happening. The first time I read the Chronicles of Narnia books to my kids I had to laugh out loud at the character called a Marshwiggles.

For those of you that have not read the Chronicles of Narnia children's books by C.S. Lewis, the Marshwiggles was a character who liked to worry. I found him humorous because he was just like me. His famous quote in the book went something like this, "Well if the giants don't eat us up, the earthquake will probably swallow us up". The Marshwiggles went on to become a hero because he remembered and followed the Words and instructions of the Great Lion Aslan who was symbolic of Christ in the book. Likewise the only hope for us that are Marshwiggles is the sweet salve of the Word of God that can transform our lives and deliver us from fear and worry to faith. David writes in Psalms 34:

^{PS 34:1-8} I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

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