



***“FEAR AND TREMBLING”***

*(Photograph by Hope Kraus)*

**2 TIMOTHY 1: 7**

**For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.**



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Returning from the back of beyond---lacking the faith to carry on  
Feeling feeble, spent and weary--- believing all hope to be gone  
Approaching the dreaded morrow---without courage left to find  
Enveloped in eerie dark shadows--- fear easily enters the mind.

Recounting only past mistakes---having miserably failed each test  
All friends having bid farewell---now alone; a castaway at best  
Burdened with a load of iniquities---infeasible to erase them all  
Is it possible to rekindle my soul---and out of this squalor crawl?

Break from self pity, dear child---calm your fears and a moment pause  
Could not this fear and doubt---be your own mistrust without cause  
On no occasion, not even one---has the Father deserted thee  
No matter your wretched mistakes---from yourself He'll set you free.

How can we be so ungenerous---as to doubt our faithful God  
To His word; forever constant---reputation pure and unflawed  
Thy transgressions He will forgive---remembering your sins no more  
'Tis out of His mercy and kindness---your Lord will never keep score.