

OF SNAKES, SNAKE HANDLING, & NO SNAKES ACTS 28:1-10



Deuteronomy 5:32 Ye shall **observe to do** therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall **not** turn aside to the right hand **or** to the left.

Deuteronomy 12:32 What thing soever I command you, **observe to do it**: thou shalt **not** add thereto, **nor** diminish from it.

We all have choices. Choices of how we live. Life comes at us.
And we cannot possibly predict how life will take us through the twist and turns.

No snakes!	Snakes... &...life	Snake handling!
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Obviously I'm **not** talking about snakes! I'm discussing life → the life coming at us / the life out of our control

1918 → 1980s → 2020
The Spanish Flu → AIDS → Covid
And then there were those little, pesky things like World Wars

Snake Handlers think godliness is handling snakes

Paul encountered snakes → snakes happen!
Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall **not** want.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.** **Hebrews 13:6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **Jude 25** to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

1 Samuel 17:32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. **1 Samuel 17:33** And Saul said to David, Thou art **not able** to go against this Philistine to fight with him: **for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.** **1 Samuel 17:34** And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, **and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:** **1 Samuel 17:35** And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. **1 Samuel 17:36** Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. **1 Samuel 17:37** David said moreover, **The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.** And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

No snakes...ever! Never!
My response: good

Living in &/ by fear	Living by faith	Living by foolishness &/ arrogance
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Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, **Hebrews 11:18** Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: **Hebrews 11:19** Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, **when he was born**, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, **when he was come to years**, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Hebrews 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Hebrews 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. **Hebrews 11:27** By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. **Hebrews 11:28** Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Hebrews 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

“Trust God and keep your powder dry!”

So we trust, pray, obey, and get the vaccine

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Trivialize God	Trust God	Tempt God
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Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **Acts 17:25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, **seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being**

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, **Romans 16:26** But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: **Romans 16:27** To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Psalms 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.

Matthew 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, **Matthew 4:6** And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, **It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

Isaiah 30:7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: Therefore have I cried concerning this, **Their strength is to sit still.**

Isaiah 30:15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning and rest shall ye be saved; In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:** And ye would not.

Risk Averse	Risk – Benefit Analysis	Risk Takers
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