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As you learn to climb you will be challenged with many new things that may seem unnatural or even scary to you. Some of you will be excited and some of you will be freaked out.

Whatever your feelings about heights, we want to encourage you to trust the Lord to take care of you. God's word says:

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

If God did not create you with a *Spirit of Fear* then where did it come from? Why are you afraid? We don't usually ask "Where does this fear come from?" But we want to challenge you to ask the questions and find the root of your fears.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. 1 Jn 4:18 RSV

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We also would like suggest you weigh the facts in this matter.

Fact #1: The gear used is more than adequate to support the forces seen in climbing.

All the gear used is designed with climbing in mind. The manufactures of this gear are staking their name, their livelihood, and even another's life on it. They are held to the very highest standards.

Fact #2: The belayers have more than adequate training.

Each person who serves at Rugged Faith goes through an intensive program of knot tying, climbing instruction, and hands on belay training. Though there is no national standard at this time, the skills taught here are above and beyond any climbing walls in Eastern Washington. Most of our Belayers have full mountain experience and come prepared for all circumstances.

Fact #3: We are accountable to God, Your Camp leader and our Director.

Each one of us will have to stand before God someday and testify to what we did with those He brought into our care. Would any of us want to simply look at our Heavenly father and say "we were slacking and dropped you."? We are sure that none of us would want to be in that position. Many people watch over and check to make sure the care given here is the best possible.

These facts all testify to the care that has been taken to prepare this opportunity for you to climb today. If you are frightened still you need to look to the only one who can lift the fear from you, **Jesus!**

***God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth give way and the
mountains fall into the heart of the
sea.***
Psalm 46:1-2a

Let His word give you the confidence to boldly step out in to all the wondrous things He has for you. Don't let fear control what you will do with the Lord at your side, as you walk each day!

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