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Rated "R" For "Rad" -- Part 2

By Erin E. Short -- (Age 15)

"The cinema has no boundary; it is a ribbon of dreams."
- Orson Welles

Last week I mentioned that there shouldn't be an international set of rules for everyone to follow (regarding entertainment), because no two people are the same.

I've come to notice that people react to certain things very differently than others. Bad language really makes an impact on some people, but others barely notice it. Violence can cause loss of sleep to some, and others can't find anything disturbing about it.

Philippians 4:8 says, "If there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." So, of course, if you're watching something that you know might bother you later, or you think is just a *little* too much, then you should stop. A movie isn't worth thoughts you wish you weren't thinking.

Lastly, I learned one other thing. If you're not sure what bothers you, where exactly *your* line is when it comes to movies, that's okay.

But the point is this: if you're wondering if you've crossed your own line, you've already crossed it. You should never get so close to the line you wonder if you've already passed it.

Listening to a great story should not come at the cost of even the tiniest slice of your morality. If you think about it, even the Bible has to be told in milder versions to small children (or even sensitive teens and adults) who don't handle some of the content well.

So what does all this mean? It's quite simple actually. Entertainment is great. Stories can be very important. And a lot of them need to be heard.

But context is important, and all people are different. And no story should be heard at the cost of your morality.

(All scripture taken from the ESV Bible version.)

An Inspection Of Fear

By Talia R. Michel -- (Age 15)

"We grow fearless by walking into our fears."

- Robin Sharma

Sometimes we back down (or out) of things because we fear we're not good enough. Not up to standard. Not perfect in our eyes.

Sometimes fear is a good thing; it can push us though and keeps us going. But also it can hold us back. Back from living the life God planned for us, or from spreading his word and planting seeds in others hearts.

Whatever it is that we fear, whether it's talking to people you don't know, embarrassing yourself, or just worrying about what they'll think, *ask God for help*. He may not answer in the moment, but you'll find it will become easier.

Isaiah 41:10 says, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." He is with us all the time, helping us, even when we don't feel him.

He says, "surely I will help you," and He *will*. He can help you overcome your fear, but don't just sit there waiting for it; pursue it. Stretch yourself. If you put in effort, you will grow faster.

In Joshua 1:9 it says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." We don't have to fear because God has the best plan, and He is with us and will guide us.

Romans 8:31 says, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?"

(All scripture taken from the NASB Bible version.)

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