

WHY ARE WE FASCINATED WITH

FEAR

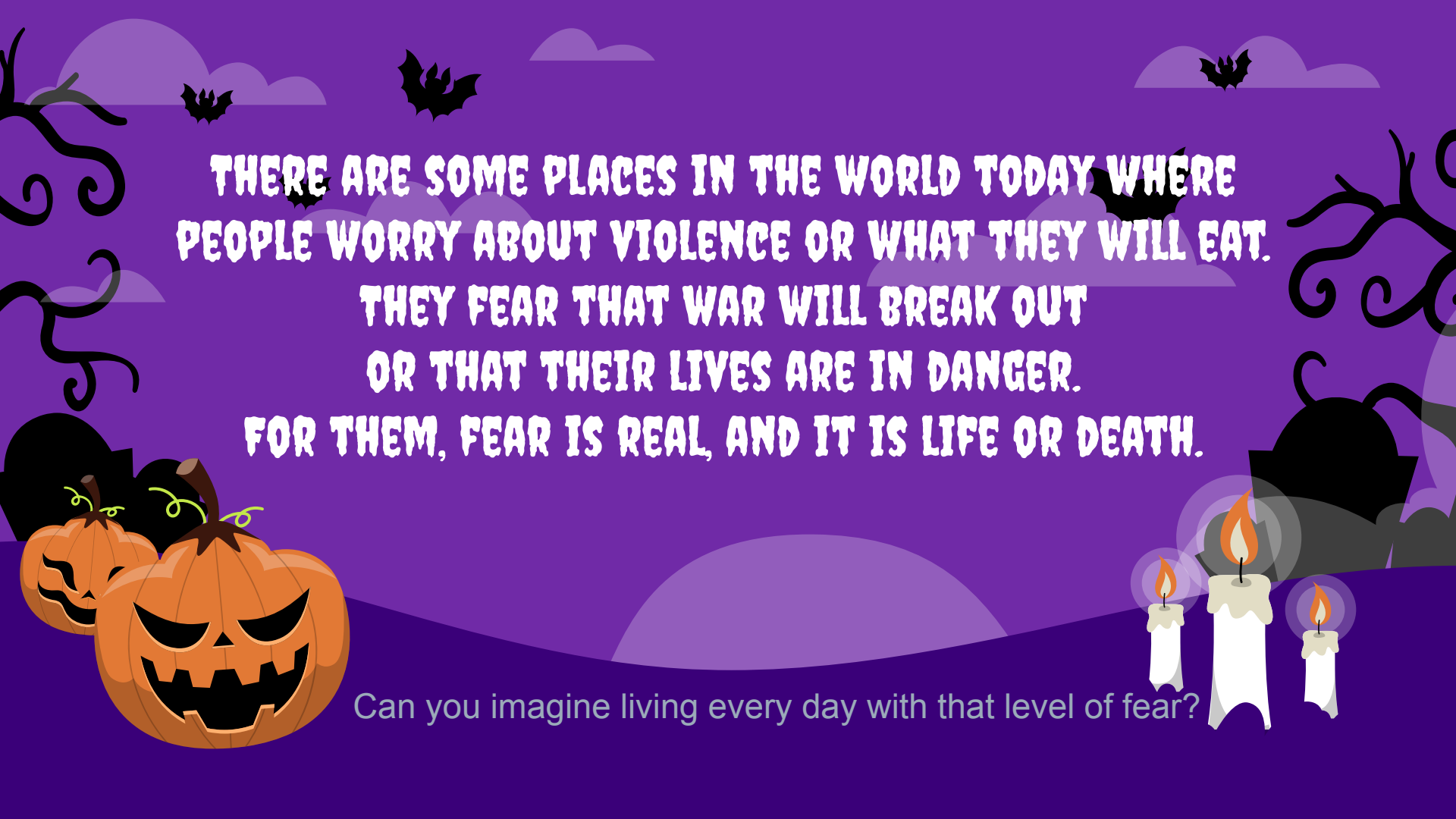


A cartoon illustration of a skeleton standing in a graveyard. The skeleton is holding a shovel and has a single bone sticking out of its back. The background is dark purple with stylized trees, clouds, and a bat. The title 'SOME THINGS THAT PEOPLE FEAR IN 2024:' is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the top. A list of five fears is in the center, and a concluding sentence is at the bottom. Bones are scattered on the ground.

# SOME THINGS THAT PEOPLE FEAR IN 2024:

- LOVED ONES DYING OR BECOMING SERIOUSLY ILL
- PERSONALLY BECOMING SERIOUSLY ILL OR DYING
- NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY
- MASS SHOOTINGS/GUN VIOLENCE
- CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION

This list of fears would change depending on where you live or what type of community you live in.

The background is a solid purple color. In the top left and right corners, there are black silhouettes of bare, swirling tree branches. Several black bat silhouettes are scattered across the top. In the bottom left corner, there are three orange jack-o'-lanterns with carved faces; the largest one in the foreground has a wide, toothy grin. In the bottom right corner, there are three lit white candles with yellow flames. The text is centered in the upper half of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**THERE ARE SOME PLACES IN THE WORLD TODAY WHERE  
PEOPLE WORRY ABOUT VIOLENCE OR WHAT THEY WILL EAT.  
THEY FEAR THAT WAR WILL BREAK OUT  
OR THAT THEIR LIVES ARE IN DANGER.  
FOR THEM, FEAR IS REAL, AND IT IS LIFE OR DEATH.**

Can you imagine living every day with that level of fear?

# WE ALL STRUGGLE WITH FEAR AT SOME POINT

But at this time of year, fear means big money.

- movies
- stories
- haunted houses



# DO YOU REMEMBER

MAYBE YOU CAN REMEMBER LYING IN BED AS A SMALL CHILD  
AND BEING SO AFRAID THAT THE SHADOWS ON THE WALLS WERE  
MONSTERS OR BEING FEARFUL OF THE DARK.

... ONLY TO FIND THAT IT WASN'T THAT BAD.

BUT NO AMOUNT OF TELLING YOURSELF THAT IT WAS 'OK'  
SEEMED TO HELP, DID IT?



# HOW DID YOU FEEL?

SWEATY PALMS. YOUR STOMACH GETS ALL QUEASY.

EVERY SINGLE INCH OF YOUR BODY IS ON ALERT.

EACH OF US RESPONDS TO FEAR IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

SOME OF US FREEZE. OTHERS RUN.

AND SOME OF US FIGHT, BUT REGARDLESS,

WE KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE AFRAID.



# TRICK OR TREAT?

Fear can be paralyzing, and it can be challenging to think clearly when you are terrified.

It is no surprise that the Bible talks a lot about fear and being afraid.



# ISAIAH 41:9

*“...don’t worry because I am with you.  
Don’t be afraid, because I am your God.  
I will make you strong and will help you;  
I will support you with my right hand  
that saves you.”*



We all should probably memorize this scripture. It's so important.



# THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR WHEN GOD IS WITH US

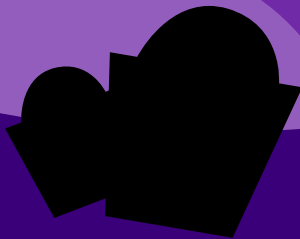
God knows that we will struggle with fear and reminds us that He is with us. And He tells us not to fear.

Because God is with us!

He will strengthen us.

As if his presence with us isn't enough...

He also strengthens us.



**YOU DO NOT NEED TO FACE THINGS ALONE.**

Do not fear. God is with you.

He is greater than all of our fears.

He can and WILL give us the strength  
to face those fears.





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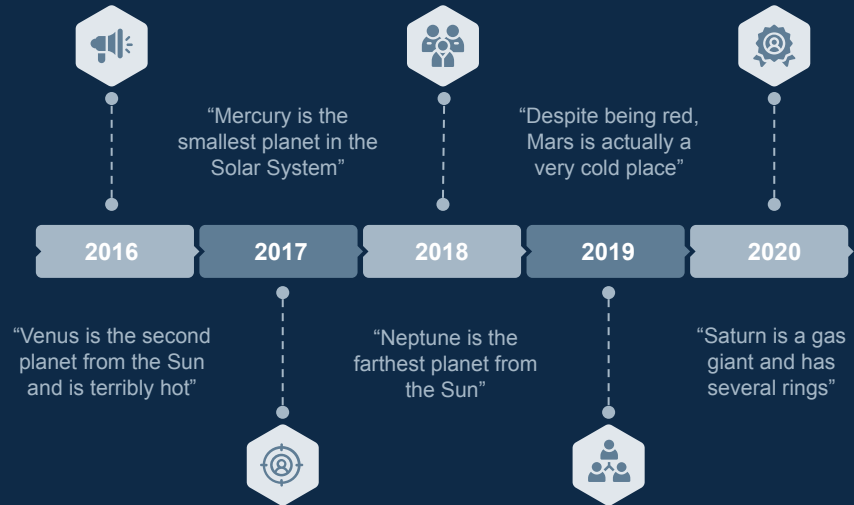


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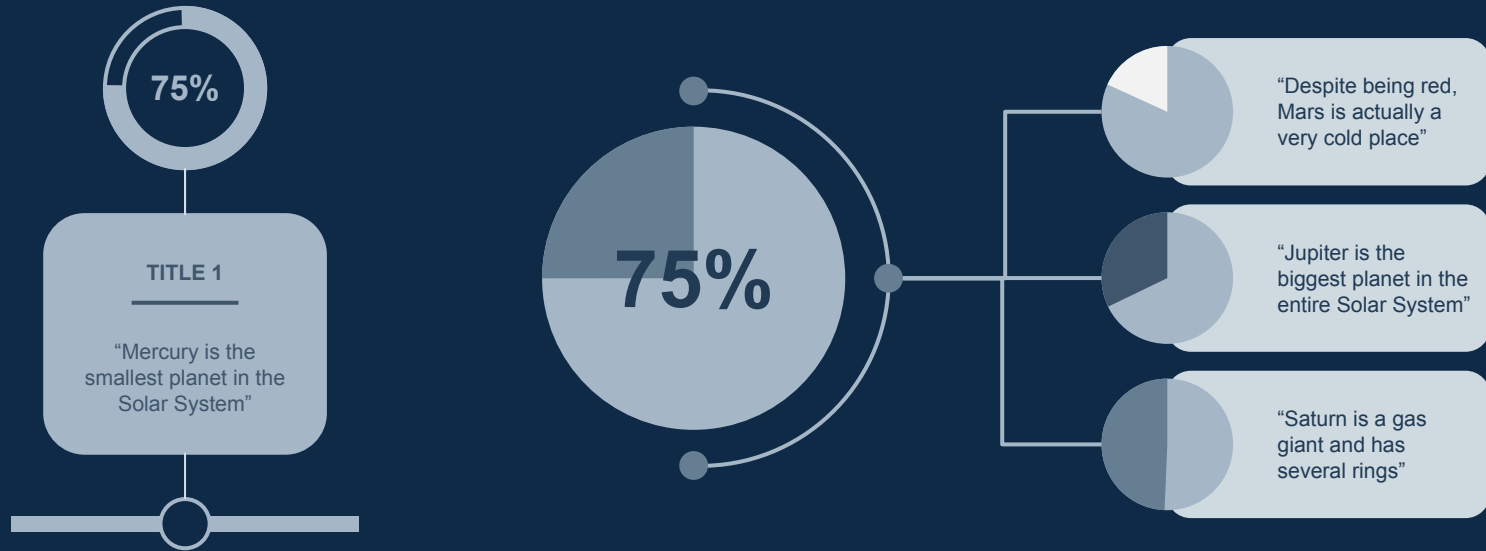




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