

SCARY STORIES FOR AFTER DARK

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For my wife, Elizabeth

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INTRODUCTION

Who doesn't enjoy a scary story?

When I was a kid, I enjoyed staying up late at night telling and listening to ghost stories with friends. We read books by cool authors like Daniel Cohen and watched old black-and-white creepy movies on late-night TV. We listened to ghost stories on records borrowed from the library. (Most of you probably don't know what a record is, but just humor this not-so-young-man-anymore and pretend that you do). Everyone likes a fun, safe scare.

That's what each story in this book attempts to provide. A fun, safe scare. Who wants to read about all of the cruel scares that reality brings? Hopefully the six stories that follow will take you away to a place where you can take your mind off of mounting bills, health problems, and the like ... at least for a little while.

My first book, *Safe Treasures*, came out in 2010 and contained ten short stories. Each focused heavily on the gospel message. While I have not drifted from that, the stories here are a little different. They are not simply about people coming