

# DINOSAURS

## A Story on Spiritual Warfare

One day I walked through the living room and stopped briefly to watch my four-year-old son at play. He was intently playing with his dinosaurs. I noticed that there was a big green dinosaur standing all by himself. Behind a nearby mountain, all the other dinosaurs were gathered together. I asked my son why he had arranged them that way. He informed me that they were all scared of the big green dinosaur. "He's really mean and scary," he said.

Remembering our time spent reading and studying the dinosaur cards that came with his play set, I told my son, "They really don't need to hide from that particular dinosaur because he only eats plants. They really need to hide from the ones that eat meat. See this one here behind the mountain with all the others? He eats meat and they should be hiding from him." As my son rolled his eyes, he said "No, mom. He's not scary at all. He's little and kind of cute. They have to hide from the big mean one." I chuckled as I walked away, envisioning the carnage that would soon occur behind the mountain, where they all thought they were safe.

How similar this is to our lives. We will always try to protect ourselves from the overt and looming dangers that we encounter. But how often we overlook the little things that we've let slip quietly into our lives while we feel safe and secure behind that big mountain. The Bible tells us that the Devil "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." The problem is that we don't see a roaring lion with sharp teeth when the Devil approaches because he specializes in masquerading as an "angel of light." He slips in quietly, sometimes even as a voice of approval. We need to be careful. He knows our weaknesses and the areas where we slip easily into sin and he presents things in a very appealing and sly way. He is the master of deception. We need to see life through the filter of God's eyes so that we are not caught unaware, lest the cute and tiny dinosaur has us for dinner.

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