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Being Brave Like a Llama

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Llamas are not afraid of much, if anything. When they see something, especially something they do not recognize they put their heads up and walk straight towards it. Some sheep ranchers have purchased llamas to guard their sheep from coyotes. Coyotes are opportunistic hunters, they will take advantage of every opportunity they can scrounge up. The llamas take away that opportunity with their aggressive behavior.

Satan is like that mangy old coyote, an opportunist seeking an advantage to destroy whatever he can, especially the people of God (1 Peter 5:8). The actions commanded that encircle the description of the devil walking about as a lion are:

- Be sober- free from the influence of intoxicants
- Be vigilant- keeping awake and watchful
- Resist him, steadfast in the faith- to oppose, withstand, to set against

The “llama-like” Christian will never allow their defenses down, not even for a moment (nor for a night on the town with the guys) because they know that they must be watchful at all times standing firm against our arch-enemy, the devil himself. They say “the best defense is a good offense.” Our best offense/defense to protect the flock is when we have our heads up, our eyes open, and we walk straight towards whatever threatens us (as individuals or the church).

I pray that we will all be willing to “be brave like a llama” removing the opportunity for the devil when the need arises because, “God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7) but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”