



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

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## Scaredy-cat

*We have two cats. The youngest is named “Oreo” because he is half black and half white. He has short hair and is a very loving cat. He always wants to be held in your lap and be petted. You will find him many times lying next to our older cat “Cinders”. Cinders has long hair, is larger and is 90% black. He loves butter and getting his belly rubbed.*

*One evening we could not find Cinders. We looked everywhere twice. We even looked outside. With a bright light, we found him under the sofa. We had to force him out with the vacuum. He was scared to death. We carried him upstairs to the bedroom where he hid under the bed. The next morning, he fought us taking him downstairs. He ran and hid again. We thought this cat was going crazy. Then I remember, he did this same thing several years before. At that time, we had a helium balloon in the house from a birthday party. This day there was again a helium balloon in the house. Once I removed that harmless balloon, he was no longer a Scaredy-cat.*

*“Scaredy is a word that doesn’t exist on its own, but, somehow, when you pair it with “cat,” it becomes a thing! The first known example of the term scaredy cat comes from the book The Waltz by Dorothy Parker. The book first came out in the New Yorker in 1933, and most people usually give her credit for the term because of this...While not many people have heard of the book that coined the term, you can’t find many people who haven’t heard the phrase, even though they have no idea where it came from!”*

*We laugh at my cat being afraid of a harmless balloon. But many times, we can also be a Scaredy-cat. So many of us are afraid of saving our faith in Christ in a verbal way. We are afraid that we might offend someone, or they will think badly of us. We act like we are in a county that it is illegal to speak about Christianity. I remember in grade school you would bring something into show and then tell. Too many of us are only doing the show part.*

*To help overcome your fear is to memorize verses on salvation. Practice sharing to a fellow believer. Go out with someone on church visitation. (It was on church visitation that I met my wife of 43 years.) Most important pray for a concern and loving attitude, courage, the right opportunity, and the words to say. God does not speak to man in an audible voice. That is why He needs yours.*



Cinders and Oreo


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“Take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.”

Matt 10:19,20



<sup>1</sup> [petkeen.com/scaredy-cat-meaning-origins-of-the-phrase/](http://petkeen.com/scaredy-cat-meaning-origins-of-the-phrase/)

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