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## Fearless Love

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Love is the fruit of God's Spirit and the fruit of love is not fear but complete and confident assurance in our Father and His word of truth. That's why the perfect love of God drives out all fear. We have perfect confidence in the Lord and His love for us. He will never let us down. He will always pour out His love upon us. I love the passage that we read in Rom. 8:31-32 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

I mean when you think about this exhortation from Paul, we really do have nothing to fear because we know we are loved by the Father. I remember the story a Pastor friend of mine told about his childhood. The kids at school would call him “squatty body” because he was about as wide as he was tall. When they would choose teams for a game, he would always be chosen last. That was until one day, when they were choosing teams, something changed and they chose him first. Little did he know that standing behind him was his Dad who had walked up quietly. Now his Dad was about 6'4” and about 280 lbs and was a truck driver. When the boys began to pick, they didn't look at my friend because all they could see was his Dad standing behind him.

That's what our enemy sees when he looks at us. He sees our strong and loving Father, the Ruler of All Things, standing right behind us. He cares so much for you.

Dear Lord, there is nothing that I need to fear because You love me so. You will never leave me or forsake me. You will always provide for me. You will always be there for me. You will always love me. I love You Father. In Jesus Name, Amen