

No Fear In Love

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1 John 4:13-21

I fear roller coasters, and because of my fear, I simply cannot enjoy riding them. The long lines I see at amusement parks bewilder me, because I hate the feeling of falling quickly from a very high place. So while many of my friends and family love roller coasters, I fear them and therefore hate them.

On the other hand, I unabashedly love my wife. Because I love her, I can tell her even my deepest, darkest secrets without fear that she will betray my trust. Love leads to trust, just as surely as fear leads to hate. Love and fear cannot coexist.

This principle is powerfully true in our relationship with God. The more we know him and his character, the more we come to love him; the more we love him, the less we fear his power and his sovereignty.

Jesus himself said that we would experience trouble (John 16:33), and that fact could inspire fear. However, he also promised never to leave us (Heb. 13:5) and to use every circumstance to bring about our ultimate good (Rom. 8:28). These promises help us to love and trust him.

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