

Running into a Safe Place



Fear is the opposite of love

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. (1 John 4:18)

When we live in love fear has to go

The more we live in love, the more fear goes

Love and fear are incompatible

Fear destroys:

Relationship

Identity

Destiny

Belief in God always being good

His presence

Fear of many things: health, finance, future, job, family, being liked, what people think - can all be very strong and gripping

Steals peace and rest

When we live in fear or when fear comes on us we need a safe place to run to

Sin does the same

Causes separation and destroys our relationship

Causes shame and guilt ~ deliberately designed to keep us distant from Father

In times of sin we need a safe place to run to

Stress

Leaves us feeling worn out and on our own

Pressure that creates a 'survival' mode, we shut down and try and cope on our own

When we are under pressure we need a safe place to run to

Pain and wounded-ness

Our heart is opened and wounded, so we close it to protect it and try to keep it safe

Try, but can't handle it on our own

Disables us

When we are wounded we need a safe place to run to

What happens with us all of these things is
we focus on the wrong reality

Conflict of the 'two realities' - the reality of our
everyday lives and the reality of who Father
sees us to be

Which one is most real to us?

Where do we run to?

False comforts: other people (we all need the hug of human kindness but do we look to others to fill our hole), money, security, health, jobs, family, position/role.

False hope and security - often in ourselves

Where should we run?

Arms of the Father where there is true comfort, complete redemption, tenderness, acceptance and well-being

Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the desert. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.” (Deut 1:29-31 NIV)

There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,
who rides on the heavens to help you and on
the clouds in his majesty. The eternal God is
your refuge, and underneath are the
everlasting arms. (Deut 33:26-27)

This may need to involve a change in our hearts

If we want an internal stillness and peace we may need to stop and consider

This is what the LORD says:

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' (Jer 6:16 NIV)

Psalm 91 (The Passion Translation)

Whoever lives within the secret shadow of Shaddai, Hidden in the strength of God- Most-High, Will always be kept safe and feel secure! Here's how I describe Him: He's the Hope that holds me, and the Stronghold to shelter me, The only God for me, and my Great Confidence. Yes, He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy, And He will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse.

His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you. You can run under His covering of majesty and hide. His faithfulness is a wrap-around shield keeping you from harm. You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night, Nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you. Don't fear a thing! Whether by night or by day, Demonic danger will not trouble you, Nor the powers of evil launched against you. For God will keep you safe and secure, they won't lay a hand on you!

Even in a time of disaster with thousands and thousands being killed, You will remain unscathed and unharmed! You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment, For you will still be kept safe and secure! When we live our lives within the shadow of the God- Most- High, our Secret Hiding Place, We will always be shielded from harm! How then could evil prevail against us, or disease infect us?

God will send His messenger- angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go, Defending you from all harm. If you walk into a trap, they'll be there for you And keep you from stumbling! You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, Trampling every one of them beneath your feet! For here is what the Lord has spoken to me: "Because you have chosen to be My great lover, I have chosen to greatly protect you. I will set you in a high place, Safe and secure before My face.

“I will answer Your cry for help every time you pray,
And you will find and feel My presence, Even in
your time of pressure and trouble. I will be Your
glorious Hero and give you success!“You will be
satisfied with a full life, And with all that I do for
you! For you will feast Your eyes On the fullness of
My salvation, Drinking deeply of Me!”

Try Running

Don't you know I'll wipe away your tears
And that I will carry all your pain
And you know that I'll be watching over you
That I'll cover all your shame

And I'll remember you
I'll never let you go
Your name is written on my hands
Try running as fast as you can
Into my open arms

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