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1 JOHN 4:13-21

TERROR











“I was going through the church yard between eight and nine o’clock, with my jacket under my arm, and my hands in my pocket, when some person came...behind me, and caught me fast by the throat with both hands, and held me fast; my fellow-servant, who was going on before, hearing me scuffling, asked what was the matter; then, whatever it was, gave me a twist round, and I saw nothing.

(Testimony of Thomas Groom at the murder trial of Francis Smith, January 11, 1804)





“In a case of self-defence, where self-defence or the prevention of crime is concerned, if the jury came to the conclusion that the defendant believed, or may have believed, that he was being attacked or that a crime was being committed, and that force was necessary to protect himself or to prevent the crime, then the prosecution have not proved their case....Even if the jury come to the conclusion that the mistake was an unreasonable one, if the defendant may genuinely have been labouring under it, he is entitled to rely upon it.”

(Lord Chief Justice Geoffrey Dawson Lane's ruling in R vs. Gladstone Williams)



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1 John 4:12-21 (ESV): “No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God....”



“...16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love....”



“...19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”





1 John 4:7 (ESV): “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”



John 6:28-29 (ESV): “Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ 29 Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’”



John 17:26 (ESV): “I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”



**John 13:34-35 (ESV): “A new
commandment I give to you, that you
love one another: just as I have loved
you, you also are to love one another. 35**

**By this all people will know that
you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another.”**



Romans 8:15 (ESV): “For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons.”



John 14:27 (ESV): “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”



John 3:16-18 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”



John 12:44-48 (ESV): “And Jesus cried out and said, ‘Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.’”



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MAIN POINT:

**JESUS CAN WIPE AWAY EVERY
FEAR FROM YOUR LIVES.**



Luke 12:25 (ESV): “Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”





“With such frequent and ordinary examples passing before our eyes, how can we possibly rid ourselves of the thought of death and of the idea that at every moment it is gripping us by the throat?”

(From Lord Montaigne’s Essays, Chapter XIX)



“[If only my mind] could persuade as well as it preaches, it would help me out very happily.”

(From Lord Montaigne’s Essays, Chapter XIII)



“I only judge of myself by actual sensation, not by reasoning...There is nothing that ought so much to be recommended to youth as activity.”

(From Lord Montaigne’s Essays, Chapter XIII)



“It seemed to me that my life was hanging only by the tip of my lips; I closed my eyes in order, it seemed to me, to help push [life] out, and took pleasure in growing languid and letting myself go. It was an imagination that only superficially floated upon my soul, as tender and weak as all the rest, but really, not only exempt from anything displeasing, but mixed with that sweetness that people feel when they glide into a slumber.”

(From Lord Montaigne’s Essays, Chapter VI)



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APPLICATION:

EXPEND A LITTLE LESS THOUGHT
AND A LOT MORE ACTION.



1 John 4:8-9 (ESV): “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”



2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV): “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”



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