



Pt. 1 The Gift and Gift of Fear

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“But Jacob did not send Joseph’s brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him.”
—Genesis 42:4 (NRSV)

“He walked away, perhaps a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed this prayer: “Father, if you are willing, please take away this cup of horror from me. But I want your will, not mine.” Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him, for he was in such agony of spirit that he broke into a sweat of blood, with great drops falling to the ground as he prayed more and more earnestly.”
—Luke 22:42-44 (Living Bible)

2) _____

“When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.”
—1 Samuel 17:11 (NRSV)

3) _____

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;”
—1 John 4:18 (NRSV)

“God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we’re free of worry on Judgment Day—our standing in the world is identical with Christ’s. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.”
—1 John 4:18 (The Message)