

JULY 17

“ONCE YOU REALIZE HE LOVES YOU, THE TORMENT IS GONE.”

READ

2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:15-19

If God didn't give me fear, then what did He give me? He gave me love. Somehow love must counteract fear. Power and a sound mind, or proper thinking, must counteract fear. We hear all the negative reports and we've seen all the bad things that could happen. It has flustered our faith and weakened our prayers. The devil wants you to feel heavyhearted and afraid, because when you feel that way, you're not thinking about the promises of God. You see yourself as inconsistent, inadequate, unworthy. But God does not see you that way. He sees the shed blood of Jesus on you. He sees the righteousness that He has given to you. He loves you. There is no fear in love. Once you get that into your spirit and realize that He loves you, the torment is gone. The fear is gone. When the fear is gone, power, love and your sound mind begin to operate.

PRAY

God, when will it sink into the depths of my heart? You really love me. By Your grace I choose today to walk in power, love and soundness of mind. I will not fear.

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