"YOU ARE IN THE HAND OF THE LORD."

READ

1 John 4:4 and 18

There is nothing more debilitating than to have a fear so strong that it forces you to rearrange your schedule, to always look over your shoulder, or even change your plans. One of the tactics Satan uses is to make us afraid. There is nothing greater than God, nothing I should fear. We rationalize our fears by saying, "It happened to me when I was a kid," or "I've just always been that way." You are supposed to be full of the Holy Ghost and power. Jesus came to live inside of us, and there is no greater conqueror than the Lord Himself. That conquering spirit, that spirit of overcoming, is supposed to permeate everything we do, even our thinking. We walk in the strength of the Lord. We walk with ordained footsteps. We live with a hedge of protection built around us. It is impossible for one of God's children to fall in defeat or disaster. You cannot be destroyed. You are in the hand of the Lord. Whatever happens, God is in charge, and He takes care of you. He preserves you. No evil power has the ability to invade the loving hand of the Lord. Perfect love casts out fear.

PRAY

Thank You for Your power in me, protection over me, and peace within me. You are my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? You are the strength of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

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