Safe, Sheltered, Secure

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Genesis 50:18-20

¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, <u>but God meant it for good</u>, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Luke 12:4-7

⁴ "I tell you, my friends, **do not fear** those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know <u>that for those who love God all</u> <u>things work together for good</u>, for those who are called according to his purpose.

What can we do to feel more safe, sheltered and secure?

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Those who know God find Him to be our fortress.



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