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<i>The <u><b>Guards</b></u> at the tomb were afraid</i>	Matt. 28:2-4
<i>Joseph</i> of Arimathea was afraid	John 19:38
The <i>Women</i> at the tomb were afraid	Matt.16:8
<i>Jesus' <u>disciples</u> were afraid</i>	John 20:19

- **\star** The opposite of fear is <u>trust</u> and <u>confidence</u>.
- ★ The Resurrection is God's <u>response</u> to fear, ALL fear! Matthew 28:5
- ★ Perfect Love <u>sends</u> fear away, <u>expels</u> it, <u>kicks</u> it out!
- ★ Perfect Love is found in the <u>sacrificial</u> death of Jesus and His <u>victorious</u> Resurrection.
- The Resurrected Perfect Love drives out the fear of **punishment**. *I John 4:18*
- The Resurrected Perfect Love drives out the fear of <u>death</u>. *II Tim. 1:10*
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