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When we experience love that gives its best, and never takes it back, no matter what, we can be set free from such fear. That fear can be taken away. But it's not enough simply to understand and accept the truth about God's love that gives its best and never takes it back. We must also *experience* it first hand, first heart, for it to free us from fear in fact and not just in theory or theology. Jesus, who himself is God's "never taken back gift," offers that love to us as the gift of his peace: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.* The world gives peace with countless "strings" attached, only when we fulfill certain conditions and meet certain qualifications. In contrast, in Christ God gives us his love, no questions asked, and never takes it back, no matter what. But we have to accept and experience it, not just believe and think about it, for it to make the all difference it can in our lives. That's where the Church comes in.

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