

*Romans 3 The message Bible – “What we’ve learned is this: God does not respond to what we do; we respond to what God does. We’ve finally figured it out. Our lives get in step with God and all others by letting Him set the pace, not by proudly or anxiously trying to run the parade.”*

*Colossians 3 The Message Bible – “So if your serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed in the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ- that’s where the action is. See things from His perspective.*

*Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life-even though invisible to spectators-is with Christ in God. He is your real life.”*

I’m sure you’ve heard of the story of the traveler who was walking on a very dark night in a mountainous area. He had traveled the road once, and was aware of the dangers and steep cliffs at every turn, so his steps were cautious, knowing that he could fall off the road if he should lose his footing.

At one very dangerous place, he did lose his footing and dropped over the edge of a cliff. Grabbing for anything he could, he snagged a branch that was protruding from the side of the sheer drop-off. There he hung in the black night, unable to see in any direction, hoping the branch would hold.

Throughout the long cold night, he prayed fervently, hands straining to keep a grip, fingers weary beyond understanding. Periodically, the words, “trust Me” came to His heart. When they did, he felt the urge to let go of the branch, which he fought off for obvious reasons.

Morning light, however, revealed that he had grabbed a branch above a large ledge, just high enough above the ground to keep his feet about one foot from touching solid footing. He had hung there all night in fear, when safety was close at hand.

I’m not sure quite how to equate this story with the word above, so you can fill in the blanks as they apply to your life. I do know, however, that our Father is faithful to protect us even though there is no sign of His hand anywhere in sight. I also know that Jesus has gone before us and is the provision for our journey. I guess that everything other than that is simply not worthy of notice.

Sometimes wearily hanging, when I should be letting go – Jim Corbett