

# Scary Ride in the Park

One summer day, a father took his three-year-old daughter to a kiddy park to enjoy the rides.

He put her on a small ride that she insisted on trying, even though she claimed it was the “scariest” one in the park.

As she whipped around the corners in her kiddy car, she began whimpering and quickly worked herself into a terrified cry. The father tried to get her attention and, finally, he caught her eye. He smiled and shouted, “Hey, this is fun!”



When she saw that her father wasn't afraid of the situation, but was smiling, she also began to laugh. She still clung to her car with both hands, but her face – indeed, her entire body – relaxed and she began to enjoy the moment. Suddenly, what had once been terrifying became fun.

There are times in our lives when we experience a “scary ride” – those occasions when we feel uncertain, out of control, and unsure of what the future holds. It is in those moments that we are wise to seek out our Heavenly Father. When we do, we will find that He has the situation firmly in His grasp.

He isn't worried about our outcome; in fact, He desires for us to delight in the good work that He is in the process of producing.

In the same way, our Lord calls upon us to help others who are afraid, to impart to them the courage He has given to us.

There are times in my life when God has sent people alongside me to do just that.

*Stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong (1 Corinthians 16:13).*

– Beecher Hunter