

## Trust Between Father, Child

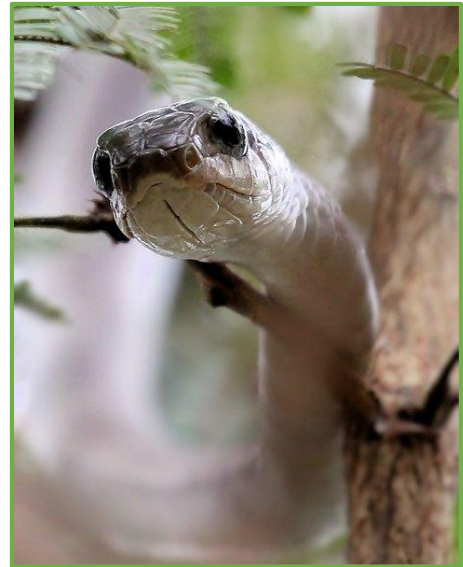
While on safari, a missionary family stopped for lunch. The children were playing under a tree a distance away from their parents and the older adults on the team.

Suddenly, the father of one child jumped up and yelled to his son, “Drop down!” and the son did so instantly.

Others in the group were shocked to learn that a poisonous snake was slithering down the tree, ready to strike the child. It would have meant certain death if the snake had bitten him. Only the father of the child saw the snake.

Many expressed amazement over the instant response of the child to his father’s command. The father explained the abiding love he and his son enjoyed had developed from the trust they had in each other.

The boy did not question when his father gave the command; he trusted him and responded accordingly. The missionary father also expected his son to respond to his command.



The peaceful rest that both of them were able to enjoy later that day was evidence of the abiding rest that God has for each of us as we learn to trust Him.

The question for you and me: Are we abiding in Christ?

God wants to abide in us and He wants us to abide in Him. Abiding comes more easily for some than others.

It is not always easy to know what God has planned for us, but we can be assured that, whatever it is, He is ready to equip us with what we need to endure and hold on to it for as long as He wants us there.

Abiding starts with trust and ends with complete rest.

*Abide in me, and I in you* (John 15:4 NASB).

– Beecher Hunter