

Walking at the Edge

The late James Gray, a president of Moody Bible Institute, wrote about a tourist in Portugal who saw a fisherman's wife at the water's edge holding a small child by the hand.

Just beyond where they were walking was a sharp drop-off. Still, the mother kept leading the boy toward the brink. The frightened youngster clung to her, but with affectionate words she led him to the same spot again and again.

Finally, encouraged by her reassurances, he toddled along the edge by himself. Gray said, "The traveler trembled at the risk ... a few feet farther, the water deepened dangerously. But there was no real cause for alarm. The mother's eye was on the boy, and her hand was ready to catch him before he went too far. 'What are you doing?' the traveler asked. 'Drawing out his fear,' the woman answered."

What is the lesson for us?

If God asks us to walk on dangerous paths, we can count on His presence and unfailing help. I have discovered that, and I am sure you have as well.

As we cling by faith to His promises, we will find that His abiding presence will "draw out" our fear.

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect (Psalm 18:32).

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