

"Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Philemon 1:3

Father is always concerned for our safety and well being. He holds on to us whether we cling to Him or not. He sees dangers ahead in our path to which we may be oblivious. A restriction here, a restraint there, is not for our chastisement, but our protection. We would rush headlong into danger and peril were it not for Father's watchful eye and firm grasp. When we quietly abide at His side, He will take us everywhere He goes, and we will see



everything in His time, safe from danger. Our biggest threat is our own impulsiveness. It hurls us into the path of destruction without ever so much as a glance toward Father. Sometimes He allows us the freedom to go ahead a bit to see if we will return to Him. If we continue with out Him, we will certainly perish, or at best suffer dire circumstances. He will not deliver us from the consequences of our impulsiveness, but He will heal our wounds and comfort us when we repent. He wants us by His side because He cares for us deeply. When we reject His grasp we grieve Him deeply, and bring hurt to ourselves.

Firmly grasped by His mighty hand,
We can trust whereupon we stand,
When we struggle to be free,
We'll find He's all we ever need. ~CGP

Stand quietly and learn to resist the impulses that Satan whispers into our souls. *"Be still and know that I am God."*

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31