"Unto Him that is able to keep you from falling..." Jude 1:24

Our minister told of a missionary who came to a flimsy and broken footbridge high in the mountains of Nepal. He was afraid of heights and looked down hundreds of feet into a rocky chasm below. Fear gripped his heart and he could not go across.

To his surprise an elderly woman carrying a large bundle came toward him and greeted him and God within him. She then virtually danced across the impossible bridge. Witnessing this he picked up his backpack and quickly, praising God, made his way to the other side without incident.

As I contemplated this tale of faith and God’s provision, I thought of the statement in the little letter of Jude, who stated, “God is able to prevent our falling, and to Him be glory, and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.” This is God’s work and thus it must be true. Strangely enough, the verse also says, “He will present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy…”

This included statement is a great comfort to those who have lost a loved one through death due to falling. This happened to our son, Tim, who died at Axerrota in Spain while in the Navy 37 years ago. Surgeon General Koop similarly lost his son on a mountain in New Hampshire. One considers those lost in the tragic day of September 11, 2001 and more recently in the Columbia re-entry tragedy. In such instances God is our only true comfort.

In May of 1966 I wrote a poem concerning our son Tim.

The Climbers

On Axerrota’s craggy face,
Above the rocky beach below,
Three youths hung desperately
in space,
Climbing, clanging, oh, so slow.

One was a preacher, serving God.

Two were sailors in a far-off land.
Their growing danger seemed so odd,
As the climb grew more dangerous
than they planned.

Then suddenly there were only two,
As our Tim had fallen to the
rocky shore.
Two on earth and their danger grew,
One in heaven, on this earth no more.

We, too, like Tim, are involved
in a climb,
Which at first didn’t seem so hard.
But now we are hanging in space
and time,
To ascend or to fall,
soon to face our reward.

Were we to fall, would it be
in His arms?
Were we to fall, would
He hold us near?
The Rock which we cling to is free
from all harm,
Though the way seems hard,
our hearts full of fear.

Can’t we trust Him and be
faithful just today?
Cling to Jesus, hold Him closely,
though we fall?
Can’t we trust Him, feel His
nearness, all the way?
He will hold us, He will hold us
through it all.

To each of you who have problems and a sense of falling, I must encourage you by saying that the Lord Jesus is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Hang unto Jesus, THE ANSWER COMETH.
CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

Dear Friends of CMF,

We want to thank everyone who gave so generously to CMF as we neared our year-end in February. We still have a present ongoing need and we are trusting God to meet this need. Thank you again and may the Lord bless each of you as you pray and give.

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CALENDAR

May 3 Orlando, Florida
Order of St. Luke
Speaker-Dr. Reed
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July 3 New York
July 7 Silver Bay CFO
Speaker-Dr. Reed
Contact: Pam Corker
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July 20 California
July 26 Cedar Lake CFO
Speaker-Dr. Reed
Contact: Catherine Florey
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ATK Conference of The Healing Center


EVERY TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Bible Study
Kay Reed

12:00 p.m. Bring A Sack Lunch

1:00 p.m. Dr. Reed Speaking

2:00 p.m. Healing Service

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of Christian Medical Foundation, seeking God's direction concerning our Annual Conference, we came to the conclusion that the Annual Meeting be postponed until the Spring or Fall of 2004. This decision was made because of the present war and the economic situation many of our physicians are finding themselves in at this time. The exact date and place will be announced in a future newsletter.

NEEDED doctors, P.A.s, L.P.N.s, dentists, dental hygienists for medical/dental team to Christian Children's Center with 1,000 orphans in Mozambique, Africa. August 1-September 18, 2003. Call for details 352/343-5070 or pattyw@atlantic.net

POINT OF VIEW

By Suzanne H. Worrollow, M.D.

When I was at the University of Virginia, way back in the 40's, we had a wonderful professor of psychiatry and at that time I thought that might be my chosen field. He emphasized the fact that speaking of Christ and religion and God with patients was not an ethical thing to do in the medical profession. He would often say, "Leave that up to the pastors."

It was so indoctrinated in me that for many years I failed to use the best tool that we have in practicing medicine and that is the power of prayer. After I realized that that was definitely not my opinion about it, I began to ask patients if they would like to pray about this. If they said no then we would just stop, but if they said yes, and most of them said yes, we would have a prayer together. I found that that helped more than any talking or medicine or anything I could do for them. I was in practice for 51 years and the last 25 years I spent using prayer in my office.

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