

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Deuteronomy 31:8

When my family and I first moved to Florida when I was 7 or 8 years old, we lived in Indian Rocks Beach, about two blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. To get there, we had to go across an old bridge that did not raise up like our modern bridges. But to open it, the bridge tender had to put a long pipe in a center pedestal and walk around and around to have the bridge turn sideways so the boats could pass. (I loved to help the bridge tender.)

One day my mother and I went to the beach and while I was out swimming by myself, I got caught in an extremely strong undertow that kept pulling me out to sea. It was so strong that I could not get out of it. I tried to swim, but couldn't. After struggling and being extremely terrified, I was finally able to get on top of the water and to swim back to shore. It was a very scary experience, but as I look back on that incident, I feel it was the hand of God that reached down and pulled me up to free me from the stranglehold that the undertow had on me.

Is there anything in your life that is holding you down or pulling you away from being where you should be? Reach out to God to break its grip and to release you. God is faithful and will never let us down. *“Call to me and I will answer you and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”* Jeremiah 33:3.

Dear God, I praise and thank You for saving me that day and for the blessings You have given me during my lifetime. Amen.

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