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God won't drop you on your head!

Dear Pastor,

Because of the stay-at-home restrictions, it has been a couple of months now since we have been with our Wisconsin grandchildren (ages 7, 5 and 3). One of the last times they were at our house was early February. They love rough-housing with their grandpa. Tickling (in moderation) happens, along with pretending I don't know they are already in an easy chair and sitting on them (all three got in on that act), wrapping themselves around my legs while I try to walk with them (that's getting harder as they grow!), etc.



One of their favorite things is for them to lie on the floor, put their feet up, and then for me to grab them by their ankles and hold them upside down, swing them gently like a pendulum, and eventually—carefully!—land them on a nearby chair, followed quickly with, “Do it again!,” from the little person. And so we do. Often.

The idea that I would drop them on their head, accidentally or intentionally, **never seems to occur to my grandchildren**. The simple, child-like faith they place in their grandpa is amazing. They trust me implicitly and totally. They know their grandpa loves them. They know I won't hurt them. And they love the interaction; so they keep coming back for more.

I wonder: Do I trust God the way my grandchildren trust me? They have a faith and confidence in me that is simple and total. They can be upside down, and their entire life is literally in my hands, and they trust me. I would never intentionally drop them. Love could not even entertain such a thought. And because I love them I do all I can to make sure I would never even accidentally drop them.

But the comparison between me and God obviously is not even close. Here is the point. When life seems upside down, doesn't seem to make any sense, and when the future seems uncertain or maybe even fearful, the one thing we can depend on is that **God has a firm grip on us and our circumstances**. He isn't going to let us go. He would never intentionally let go of us, and He can never accidentally let go of us. We are safe with Him.

Whatever craziness you are facing today—whatever trial or heartache—whatever disappointment or loss—God has hold of you. He won't let you go. The question is: Will you just simply trust Him? You can, because He is trustworthy.

My grandchildren have never once asked me if they can trust me. They just do. That is a good way for us to be with our omnibenevolent God. He is the One who promised, “I will never leave you or forsake you,” (Heb. 13:5; Cf. Num. 23:19). He is the One Who graciously invites us to cast all of our care on Him, because He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). He is the One Who daily “loadeth us with benefits” (Ps. 68:19) and Whose mercies are new every morning (Lam. 3:22-24).

To say I love it when my grandchildren let me hold them in my arms, and squeeze them tight, and snuggle with them, would be an understatement. All too soon, they will be too big and “grown up” to do some of these things. We, however, will never outgrow God's ability, or our need for Him, to wrap us up in the omnipotent strength of His loving arms.

Regardless of what the future holds, may you enjoy the blessing today of knowing that your God has you wrapped up tightly in His arms. You are safe in His love. He has you. He won't let you go. He won't drop you on your head.

In Christ,

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