

HANG ON TIGHT

Lord, I need You at all times.

Waves slapped our boat as we shoved off the dock. “This will be fun!” said my three-year-old grandson, Luke. He climbed onto my lap.

My husband revved the engine, and a panicked expression crossed Luke’s face. He grabbed my arms and pulled them around his torso. “Hold me tight!”

Luke clung to me until we approached shore 15 minutes later. As the motor quieted, his body relaxed. So did his attitude. “Are we going slow now?” he asked.

“Yes,” I replied.

“Then I don’t need you.” Ouch!

How often do we model the same behavior towards God? We cling to Him until the waves settle and the wind dies. Our fear subsides, and we grow comfortable without Him.

Such was the Israelites’ pattern (Nehemiah 9:27,28). When life was easy, they wandered from God. But when circumstances took a negative turn, they begged Him for help.

Let’s learn to revel in God’s closeness at all times, not just when we’re feeling insecure. God is faithful through thick and thin. Let’s respond in kind.

Take Action:

Invite God to create in you a craving for closeness with Him at all times.

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