

Wednesday Word 5/13/2026

Psalm 91:2 “I will say to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

When my two oldest boys were about 8 and 9 years old, we went on a family camping trip to La Push, WA, off the coast of the Pacific Ocean. If you have ever been there, you know it has beautiful cliffs and forests. There are also numerous beaches that you can park and hike down to from the roadway. It is a great place to spend the day playing and exploring on the beaches.

One afternoon, as we were exploring on the beach, my oldest sons decided that they wanted to climb on one of the massive rocks that were on the beach. If you have been there, you know that they are more than big rocks, they are fragments of cliffsides that rise from the ground over 100 feet in some places. At first, Naomi and I thought the boys were just climbing around on the base of those cliff fragments but after a while they did not come back. We finally went looking for them and calling their names. After about 10 minutes, we started to get very worried and just before panic set in, we looked to the very peak of this rock formation and saw our two sons standing at the very top waving at us. This rock had to be over 100 feet tall, and the boys just stood at the top waving like it was no big deal. We frantically yelled at them to climb down, and after a few minutes, they got the hint and made their way down. We scolded them for doing something so dangerous, but they didn't see the danger and couldn't figure out why we were upset. While it was stressful for mom and dad, my boys look back on that adventure very fondly.

As I thought about that day, I could help but wonder if that is how God views some of the situations we put ourselves in. God sees the danger before we do (If we even see it at all) and warns us that our behavior is destructive or our choices have the potential to be damaging to our spirits. This is why it is so important to develop spiritual ears that tune in to the Holy Spirit and a heart that is soft to respond to the Spirit's promptings. Many times, God warns us of dangers that our choices could lead to. It could be a financial decision, relationships, habitual practices, the list goes on. We need to learn to heed Him because he knows the beginning and the end.

Let's work this week to keep our eyes and ears fixed on the leading of God's Spirit so we can avoid dangers and pitfalls before it is too late.

I love you and God loves you!

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