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don't leave home without Him

"be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." heb 13:2 kjv

i have a little story to tell you. i honestly can't remember if i've shared this one before or not. in either case, there are enough newcomers who might benefit from reading it to bear repeating. whether its true or not, i cannot say. that in no way takes away from the essence of the story. our God is omnipresent and that means He is with each of us, wherever we are.

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a girl went to a party, but she ended up staying longer than planned and had to walk home alone. she wasn't afraid because it was a small town and she lived only a few blocks away. as she walked along under the tall elm trees, she asked God to keep her safe from harm and danger.

when she reached the alley, which was a shortcut to her house, she decided to take it. however, halfway down the alley she noticed a man standing at the end as though he were waiting for her. she became uneasy and began to pray, asking for God's protection. a comforting feeling of quietness and security wrapped around her, and she felt as though someone was walking with her. when she reached the end of the alley, she walked right past the man and arrived home safely.

the following day, she read in the newspaper that a young woman had been raped in the same alley just twenty minutes after she had been there. feeling overwhelmed by this tragedy and the fact that it could have been her, she began to weep. thanking the Lord for her safety and to help this young woman, she decided to go to the police station.

she felt she could recognize the man, so she told them her story. the police asked her if she would be willing to look at a lineup to see if she could identify him. she agreed and immediately pointed out the man she had seen in the alley the night before. when the man was told he had been identified, he immediately broke down and confessed.

the officer thanked her for her bravery and asked if there was anything they could do for her. she asked if they would ask the man one question. she was curious as to why he had not attacked her. when the policeman asked him, he answered, "because she wasn't alone. she had two tall men walking on either side of her."

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"for the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." psa 84:11 there may be many valleys we have to walk through in our lives, but we don't have to walk through them alone. often the valleys are those of our own making. "if i ascend into heaven, You are there; if i make my bed in hell, behold, You are there." psa 139:8

there's no escaping from His reach. there's no

escaping from His love.