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*If the Lord delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand. Psalm 37:23-24*

In a study of 130 toddlers ranging from 12 to 19 months of age, it was found that they fall an average of 17 times per hour! If the toddler is new to the act of walking, that number skyrockets to as high as 69 times per hour! Nevertheless, the falls rarely require serious medical treatment. A hug, a kiss for the boo-boo, and encouragement for continued development is what moms and dads around the world give to their falling children.

I cannot imagine any parent berating their toddler for falling down, or worse, punishing them for the fact they have not yet grown into their body. But many Christians have been raised with the false doctrine that Jesus does exactly that with us – that God condemns, turns away, and gives up on us the minute we stumble and fall into sin.

But surely in salvation cannot live in this environment in which we have the expectation that God will sever the relationship and rescind our salvation the moment we fall into a sin. Romans 8, verses, 1, 33 and 34 tell us that God does not do this! We are His children, still learning to walk in His way.

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ....Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and **is also interceding for us.** Romans 8:1; Romans 8:33-34*

Today I urge you to be secure in your knowledge of His redemption! Be secure in your eternal destination, your *inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade (1 Peter 1:4)*. Jesus offers His powerful right hand to steady us along the way, to pick us up when we stumble, to carry us through difficulties into *the place He has prepared for us, so that where He is there we may be also John 14:2-3*.

Like the parent with a toddler, God is there to shower His hugs and kisses on us when we fall, not to condemn or belittle us. He created us, He redeemed us, and we are His.

*I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28*