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Acts 17:22-31

Thirty-four-year-old Susan became blind due to a medical crisis. Adapting to this new way of life did not come easily, but her supportive husband vowed to be there every step of the way. When it came time for Susan to return to work, her husband, who happened to be a military officer, helped her board the city bus and get to work safely. This continued for many weeks, but Susan knew it could not continue forever. She had to eventually make it to work all by herself.

The first week Susan commuted to work alone, or so she thought. While getting off the bus one day, the driver remarked that she was a lucky woman. "What do you mean?" Susan inquired. The driver told her that a handsome man in a military uniform watched her from the corner every day to make sure she got off the bus safely and into the office building. Susan realized she had never been alone; her husband had been with her the whole time.*

Paul's words paint the same picture for us. Evidence of God's love and compassion is near us at all times. Sometimes, it just takes a supportive friend to remind us of it.

* Adapted from <https://bible.org/illustration/blind-woman> (accessed 3/27/2015)

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