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A paratrooper once told me he earnestly prayed before each jump. In fact, his initial reaction as he stepped into freefall was "O God, help!" In that moment, he was acutely aware of his need for God. However when the parachute opened and he regained a sense of control, his attitude became, "OK, God, I've got it from here."

On the verge of entering the Promised Land, Moses issued this warning: "Do not forget the Lord your God." A lapse in memory wasn't what concerned Moses, but a loss of the sense of need which could easily become neglect and turning away from God.

Abundance posed a new threat. As Moses warned, they could easily become satisfied with the things around them and no longer recognize their need for God.

In the face of desperate, utter need, it may be hard to forget God. However in the face of plenty, forgetting is much too easy.

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