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Romans 8:18-27

A father and his five-year-old son were walking along Wollaston Beach in Quincy, Massachusetts, when the boy spied a perfectly-formed, smooth five-pound oval rock that he immediately possessed. "Can I take it home, Daddy?" The father volunteered to carry it for him.

"No," he declared. "It's mine!" They walked perhaps another half mile. The rock got heavier and heavier. He stumbled, he dropped it but, being stubborn, he would not let the father pick it up for him. As they turned to go home, his whole body protested his burden. In a dramatic act of surrender, tears coursing down his cheeks, unable to carry it anymore, he cried out, "Daddy, could you please carry it for me?"

Sometimes we're too stubborn to admit our weakness. Sometimes, the burdens are heavier than we can bear. Sometimes we fail to realize that our heavenly Father waits patiently for us to say, "Daddy, would you . . . ?" It is the Spirit of God that helps us articulate our need for divine help.

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