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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 40:1-10

My son and I were hiking in a park near our home in South Africa. The sun shone and the vistas were green. It was gorgeous. We were among the first to venture out after recent rains helped the plants to grow considerably. They encroached on the already narrow trail. "I'm sure glad we're both wearing long pants," I remarked as we reached the halfway mark. "Your mom and I have never seen a snake here, but it doesn't hurt to be somewhat protected."

"Dad, really? I was trying not to think about that!" Now that it had been mentioned, the possibility suddenly seemed more likely. We clomped noisily along, talking loudly and whacking a few bushes for good measure until we returned to the area that had been mown. We never even considered going off the footpath to take a picture of a flitting butterfly or blooming wildflower. We focused keenly ahead.

In the same way, following closely the road God has prepared for each of us to walk is the best way to avoid dangers and pitfalls. Harmless-looking side paths can cause us to lose our way and forget our purpose.

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