

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Friday, February 3rd:

“Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ... If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.” (Psalm 139:7, 9)

Remember when you children or grandchildren were little, like four to six years old. When you took them to the park and they are playing on the playground equipment, they have begun to have bold confidence, sometimes bolder than their strength in hands and legs can help them. They run off to the playground and they don't look back to see if you are there. They are all confident and ready to go and play. But you keep an eye on them. When you see them start to climb something that brings them higher than four feet, you move up close. You encourage them. Your hands are ready to catch them if they slip and you keep them safe. This is the way of our Lord's love for you and me. The Lord knows you. The Lord knows when you sit and when you rise and is familiar with all your ways, declares the Psalmist. So when we are in a defiant mood, and we seek to escape to the farthest limits of the sea, what does the Psalmist declare? “Even there your hand will guide me and your right hand shall hold me fast.” Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit will guide you and Jesus will always hold you fast with his love. You are never out of the reach of God's love for you.