

PK's Perspectives ... Too Proud to be Carried

A little boy was helping his father move some books out of an attic into more spacious quarters downstairs. It was important to this little boy that he was helping dad, even though he was probably getting in the way and slowing things down more than he was actually assisting. But that boy had a wise and patient father who knew it was more important to work at a task with his young son than it was to move a pile of books efficiently.

Among the father's books, however, were some rather large study books, and it was a chore for the boy to get them down the stairs. As a matter of fact, on one particular load, the boy dropped his pile of books several times. Finally, the son sat down on the stairs and cried in frustration, anger, and embarrassment. He wasn't doing any good all. He wasn't strong enough to carry the big books down a narrow stairway. It hurt him to think he couldn't do this for his daddy and that his daddy might be disappointed in him.

Without a word, the father picked up the dropped load of books, put them into the boy's arms, and scooped both the boy and the books into his arms and carried them down the stairs. And so they continued for load after load, both enjoying each other's company very much — the boy carrying the books, the dad carrying the boy. (I do not know the author of this great story but kudos for a great modern day parable!)

In Jude 24-25 the Bible says, "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." There is absolutely nothing in your life that makes you too heavy for the arms of God. Nothing. Our problem is being too proud to be carried.

Watchman Nee once wrote, "Often Satan injects pride into the believer's spirit, evoking in him an attitude of self-importance and of self-conceit. He causes him to esteem himself a very outstanding person, one who is indispensable in God's work. Such a spirit constitutes one of the major reasons for the fall of believers." Or as Harry Emerson Fosdick succinctly stated: "A person wrapped up in himself makes a small package." We experience the freedom of living by grace when we realize we are not "helping" our Father but rather our Father's pleasure is toting us on His shoulders in our shared journey through life. Grace & peace, love you. PK