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From the Chaplain (November 2005)

Dear Friends,

*“Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go.” - Joshua 1:9*

A young girl waited in an airport. The airport attendant had told her where to sit and that she would return when it was time for her flight.

Another of the travelers started visiting with the young girl, who seemed completely content to be traveling alone. The traveler asked her if she traveled by herself a lot. “Nope,” she said, this was her first time. “Aren’t you afraid”, the traveler asked, thinking that she could offer some encouragement to the young girl. “Nope, she replied, “My Daddy told me things before I got on the airplane.”

What had her Daddy told her? She said, “her Dad had told her not to be afraid and that everything would be ok.” The traveler then said, “He sounds like a very good Daddy.” “Yes,” the young girl replied, “He is a good Daddy, and He loves me very much.”

We have a good Father, who loves us very much. Our Heavenly Father is the best of Fathers. He has told us things about the trip and that everything will be ok. Oh there will be things that threaten our hope and cause doubts to rise. But when we know our Father, when we are well acquainted with Him, we can have confidence for the journey.

Oh that we would have the faith of a child, that simply trusted our Father and took His word to heart.

In this Thanksgiving month we celebrate that we have a good Father who loves us very much and who can be trusted every day of our life’s journey.

With gratitude and praise,

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