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Uphold my steps in Your paths, that my footsteps may not slip. Psalm 17:5 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

The guardrail that was in place to separate pedestrians from road traffic loomed closer and closer until, almost as if in slow motion, my car careened into the railings and came to an abrupt halt. The tyres had lost traction, causing the car to skid on the unseen black ice.

For some drivers, dependant on the climate in which they live, chains and spikes are commonplace for tyres that are required to traverse various terrains and handle extreme road conditions.

One dictionary gives the definition of the word traction as: *the grip of a tyre on a road or a wheel on a rail.*



In Psalm 121:3, we are reminded that we are in the grip of God's powerful hand: **'He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber;'** (New International Version).

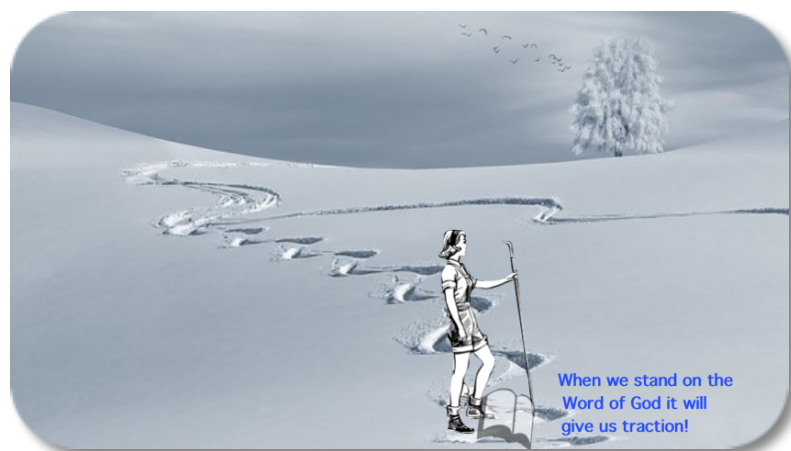
In Psalm 94, the author confidently prophesies the outcome of a potential slip: **'If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.'** Psalm 94:18 (New King James Version).

Having been delivered from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul, in giving thanks, we read that King David spoke to the Lord in song and said: **“You enlarged my path under me; so my feet did not slip.”** 2 Samuel 22:37 & Psalm 18:36 (New King James Version).

The weather on the day that my car collided with the railings was not unusual for a winter's day in the UK; it was cold and wet. What I had not anticipated was the hard to spot patch of black ice up ahead.

Many of us are today struggling to stay upright and find ourselves slipping and skidding. The Word of God and a relationship with Jesus Christ can be that on which we grip that will hold us fast, even as we skid or slip due to unforeseen circumstances that are akin to black ice and which lurk up ahead.

Perhaps death, sickness, homelessness, divorce, poverty or another tumultuous situation is causing you to skid and slip. Whatever situation we may be in, let us choose to trust that God's Word will give us traction, so that despite our circumstances, we will propel without further hindrance into **everything** that God has prepared for us.



Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard; He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. Psalm 66:8-9 (NIV).