

TWO STICKS IN THE CORNER

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Recently the presence of two walking sticks near our front door have become two vital reminders to us that we are at that stage when we need support when we go out walking.

Falls have reminded us of their necessity to support us, particularly on rough paths.

The Epistle of Jude has a similar reminder for us as we journey on the spiritual path.

Apparently, the people to whom he is writing, have been tempted by false teachers. Some have fallen into immoral behaviour. Jude is warning them of the spiritual dangers on this downward path.

He reminds them of their journey going right back to their time in Egypt when God had called them and saved them from disaster. He is calling them now to turn to him and be rescued from sin and evil. He is the one who saves and keeps them on the straight path. Jude concludes with a benediction of praise for the saving God:

"Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only wise God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time, now and forever, Amen."
(Jude 24, 25)

Reflection:

This benediction at the door of our hearts, is surely a great strengthener for the straight path of a faithful Christian life.