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## You Have A Friend In Jesus

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**Y**ou've probably heard the story about the two boys who were hiking in the woods one day. They were miles away from civilization when they accidentally came upon a giant grizzly bear. The bear was about 20 yards from them, staring them down. One of the boys whispered in a trembling voice, "What do we do now?" The other boy very slowly and quietly sat down, removed his backpack, took off his hiking boots, and put on his tennis shoes. Watching all of this, the other boy said, "Why are you putting your tennis shoes on? You can't outrun a giant grizzly bear." To which the other boy said, "I don't have to, all I have to do is outrun you!"

Well, have you ever felt like you've been used "bear bait?" Have you ever been deserted by people? Have you ever been disappointed by your friends when they failed to respond to you when you needed them the most? Probably all of us have at one time or another. But the good news is that Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). If Jesus is your friend, no matter what the trial may be, you won't face it alone. The Lord will be by your side. Remember that!

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