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Be Sure, Your Sins Will Find You Out

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I'm going to come clean. I have a confession to make. Yesterday, my wife and children and I went to a near by state park and took a walk on a walking trail through the woods. I had told the kids that we could very well see some deer. It didn't take long to realize that we wouldn't see any deer with the amount of noise four children can make. Though we didn't see any deer, we did see a snake. We were standing on a little bridge crossing a stream and as we looked into the water, I saw a snake. It was obviously dead, so I fished it out of the stream with a stick and thought I'd have some fun with it. I carefully stretched it out across the middle of the bridge so that the next person walking by would be startled by it. I felt justified, after all, it was a "nature walk." So we walked a little ways beyond the bridge and a family passed us, walking the other direction, heading toward the bridge. As I looked back and listened for a reaction, I stepped off the trail, turned my ankle and fell. Was it a serious fall? When you're 6'6", any fall is serious! I ended up cutting my hand and spraining my wrist.

Do you know what my first thought was after I jumped up and brushed myself off as my six year old laughed at me? I thought, "Serves you right! Be sure, your sins will find you out!"

Now, I'm not suggesting that my falling was an "act of God," but this little mishap did remind me that it is true that we will indeed someday reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7) and our sins will find us out (Num. 32:23). I paid a price for my "practical joke" this weekend, but I certainly don't want to find myself paying the price for my sins some day.

Be sure, your sins will find you out!