

The Driving Test (or The Lord Faithfully Humbles us)

The conversation began with a driving test. A Sister was at that very moment taking the test. She had left the house surrounded by what we hoped were encouraging, positive comments. In her absence someone voiced what a few of us were thinking, “What if she fails?” In silence we contemplated this gloomy prospect. No one enjoys failing!

A close friend broke the silence with a phrase with which we were going to become very familiar over the years, “The Lord faithfully humbles us”. She had occasion to say it to us frequently. We now say it to each other and to ourselves.

A Sister shared recently that she had been completely knocked off balance by a difficult situation. She then went from bad to worse as the saying goes. In a calmer frame of mind at the close of the day, she listened to the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit and the thought came, “He faithfully humbles us”.



Sister Wendy Beckett voiced a similar thought in a recent BBC “Sunday” programme. We have to take a tumble in order to grow. It is necessary. The reason that it is needed is that our human nature is proud. God turns his face away from the proud. He loves us too much to allow us to remain in our pride. So we are grateful to the Lord when he humbles us.

Incidentally, the Lord had mercy on our Sister. She passed her driving test!



*Lord, pick me up
when I fall down.*