

Pull Them Up

The story is told of two young mountain climbers who were scaling a sheer cliff face when the lead climber placed his hand into a crevasse and felt the sting of a scorpion. Losing his grip, he fell to the end of the safety line, but a carabiner failed leaving him hanging upside down. His partner quickly went to his friend's aid and after two grueling hours, he pulled his companion to safety.

There are times when you and I are called upon to pull up a fellow Christian from the dangerous cliffs of unfaithfulness. Right now we have brothers and sisters that need our courage, strength and resolve to bring them back to the safety of God and His family. Supporting our weaker brother is a great and needful part of our service to God. The bible encourages us to seek those that have fallen from the faith *"with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love."* (Ephesians 4:2) To reach out and grab the hand of someone who is struggling is not only a necessity, but a great privilege. Let us contact our members who we've not seen in our worship services for a while. Chances are that they have lost their grip and are hanging between God and the devil. Let them know we love them, care for them, and desire to be in fellowship with them again. Listen to Paul as he instructs us to go and rescue the fallen, *"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* (Galatians 6:1-2)

What might result if each one of us here today made just one call, sent one text, or made one visit of encouragement to those who are waiting for us to pull them up?

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