

## Putting A Soldier in God's Care

Colin's dad was a soldier. He was going away in a few days, and Colin did not know just where he was going, or how long he would be gone. His dad had talked to him about it and Colin knew that he would have to be a soldier, too. There would be many things that Colin would have to do to help his mother with the household chores. There were wastebaskets to be



emptied and taken out to the trash container. He would have to hang up his clothes, instead of leaving them on the floor; and he would have to mow and rake the lawn. Colin knew that he could do all these things, but the hardest thing was going to be that he would be separated from his dad. He found that he had started being afraid for his dad's safety. Colin thought it would be a good idea to ask his dad about him being safe.

When he asked his dad, his dad said that he would give him an answer that would stay with him while he was away. The sun was pouring through a window where they were sitting. His dad said, "Colin, look at this ray of light. Bring a book over here and see if you can cover it up. Then, bring the pillow from the couch and put it on top of the book. Next, get the heavy tray on the table and put it on top of the pillow." When the boy had done this, the beam rested undisturbed on top of the tray. Nothing that they had done had cut off the ray from the sun.

Colin's dad began to explain to him, "You see, son, a ray of light cannot be entirely surrounded, cut off from its source, imprisoned, isolated, made useless or helpless, or destroyed. It can never be changed because it comes from the sun and the sun is responsible for its existence. And just like that ray of light, I too can never be cut off from my source which is God. No matter where I am, God will be there taking care of me."

It helped Colin to know this wonderful truth that his dad could never be separated from God. His dad then added that not even the belief in war could change that truth.

Colin asked if the same truth would be true about him and his mother. His dad said that it would. Then Colin said that if that was true about him and his mother, then it would be true about all the soldiers that would be with his dad. His dad agreed that it would be. After hearing that, Colin said that he would never be afraid for him now. He would see him in God's loving care everyday, never touched by anything and just as secure as the beam of light was with the sun. That was all that was said about it that day.

One day, after his dad had left, Colin found a note tucked in his desk. It was from his dad and this was what it said. "I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me' (Acts 26:13). "Love, Dad"

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*S&H 361:16 "As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being."*