The Little Puppy

There once was a little puppy that had hurt his back leg. The man who owned him took two smooth sticks and bandaged the leg tightly. Then he told the little dog to follow him home. The little dog was not comfortable walking on three legs and dragging a wooden one along the hard sidewalk. He was walking slowly, his head and tail down, when suddenly he looked up as though he heard something that he liked.

A woman was coming toward him, and even though she was not talking to him she was thinking something like this: "Dear little puppy, that error is not true! You are so wrapped up in the Love of God that you can't possibly be hurt or tired. It is all a mistake, a dream. Your real life is as free and good as God made it."

Now, what do you think the puppy did? He began to run. He ran right past his owner, straight up to the woman, and leaned his little

body against her leg. Then he stretched himself across the top of her feet, took a deep breath, and went sound asleep!

While he rested there the woman kept on silently knowing that God is Love; that He loves all His creatures and keeps them free and well; and since God is the only power, there is really nothing that can hurt one of His ideas. After a little while, she lifted the puppy gently to his feet and told him to run along with his owner. This time, he walked much more easily than before, his head up and his little tail wagging.

How did this happen with the puppy without the woman saying anything to him? When the woman saw the puppy, she immediately saw that error was no part of him and that God did not make him afraid, hurt, or tired. Therefore, the puppy felt the helpful truth that she was silently declaring and he responded to it.

