

## Talking Back to Error

One Friday afternoon, Angelina and Paul ran across the playground on their way home from school. "Come on, lets hurry home," said Angelina. "I can't wait to tell Mother the good news about the trip to the petting zoo that our class is going to take." Paul lived across the street from Angelina and they usually walked home together. But today they were so excited they ran the whole way instead of walking. Angelina waved goodbye to Paul as she ran inside her front door.



"Mother! I'm home!" she yelled as she slammed the door behind her. Angelina was surprised to find her mother lying on the sofa in the living room. Mother had fallen and hurt her foot. She could not walk on it.

Angelina told her mother the news about the trip. Mother was glad to hear about it, but said that she was sorry that she would not be able to drive Angelina and her friends there, as they had planned.

"Oh, Mother, I wish you could go!" said Angelina. "So do I, Dear," Mother said with a sigh. "But with Daddy away, I don't know how I can even manage here at home." "Well," said Angelina as she gave her mother a kiss, "I'm home now, and I will help." Angelina sat down by her mother and began telling her truths about God's creation. She said that matter, or matter's laws, could not hurt her mother because she really lived in Spirit. Matter was showing them an injured foot, but it was not real or true. Angelina and her mother decided that they would not look at the foot or accept it as true about God's creation because His creation was only good.

Instead, they would turn away from what matter was saying. Angelina had learned when she was younger to talk back to error. She did this now and this is what she said, "Mommy, you are not material; you are spiritual. And because you are God's perfect spiritual child, you cannot be hurt." Mother and Angelina continued to know the truth and also Angelina read to Mother some of the verses from Psalms that told them about God's care for them.

Finally, Angelina said to her mother, "I just know you will be able to go with us to the zoo, Mommy!" "Thank you, sweet girl, for your help," Mother said. "I feel much better already. I think I can get up and fix dinner now." And she did.

When next Friday came, the healing of Mother's foot was complete, and she was able to drive the children to the petting zoo. There were so many neat animals living there. Oliver, the raccoon, washed his dinner in a pan of water before eating it. There were soft white rabbits to hold, and guinea pigs to pet. And Pokey, the large turtle, who was very friendly, let Paul and Angelina pet him.

Angelina looked across the room and smiled at her mother. She knew that they were both glad that Mother could come to the petting zoo. And they had proven that no accident could hurt Mother because she was God's perfect spiritual child.

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*S&H 475:5 "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God."*