



HEIGHTS

People who know I work on roofs always ask me, "Aren't you afraid up there? Have you ever fallen off?"

No, I've never fallen. The truth is once I'm on the roof, even one super tall or one super steep, I'm okay up there. What a view. It's the stepping-off from the ladder onto the roof that terrifies me.

Each time. Every time. Each day.
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I have to choose to leave the security of the ladder and hover in uncertainty for a mere second or two before landing on a more secure surface. Sure it's a process I've repeated hundreds of times. Sure I SHOULD be "fine" with it. Sure, sure, sure.

Funny how all the "sures" don't help reassure me one bit when the first foot leaves a sturdy ladder rung and crosses acres of air space, all alone, levitating, waiting to deceive me and let me fall.
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Okay, so it's really only inches, not acres, and I still have one foot on another rung, but the blasted, honest uncertainty can halt any

upward progress. Our spiritual uncertainty can cause the same separation from peace.

In *Indiana Jones: the Last Crusade*, there's a scene where Indiana has to step off a rocky ledge over a cavernous ravine. He must trek to the other side for a chalice and dip it into healing water to save his father, but he sees NOTHING for his foot to land on. Nothing. In his soul he knows this is a moment of faith. Until he *believes* he'll cross without falling, he can't move. So he musters his courage and then his face stills, surrenders, and he steps... onto a glass walkway he couldn't see.

Salvation, joy, and peace follow—as it is when we step into faith and surrender our feeble human courage.

God's path isn't always easy to see, but I promise, whether walking on the ground or around rooftops, it is ALWAYS a secure foothold in every walk of life.

*...As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said,
"Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have
faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld;
have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.*

—2 Chronicles 20:20