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Before long, I found myself in neck-high water. I tried walking toward shore but I was almost floating. My feet had little traction with the lake bottom. Jumping toward shore, my feet slipped even further into deeper water. Standing up again, I found myself in chin-deep water. Several attempts later, I was in water over my head. Going down, I took a deep breath. I saw my Dad standing just a short distance away. I faced him and jumped yelling, "DAD!!!" The many surrounding sounds masked my call for help. Again I jumped yelling, "DAD!!!" After several attempts, he finally heard me. He then rushed over, scooped me up, and carried me to safety!

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"The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy." (Psalms 145:17-20)

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