

## “LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



### STILL STRONG

Looking at the frame of this old farm shed, I could again hear my fathers exasperated voice; “Wha’ do you think you are doing? Want to break yer stupid necks?” Too late dad! My two brothers and I were already air-born, emulating the heroic cowboys leaping from saloon balconies to their well-trained steeds waiting below. Our horses were equally well trained. Plus we knew we wouldn’t “break our necks”; this was a common fun thing to do; when dad wasn’t around.

Now I looked at those great, old posts which had stood the test of time. The straw from the top had blown away; most of the beams had collapsed. The only part of the structure still standing strong was the post.

Reminds me of God, always standing strong and true through the ages. Consistently ready and willing to hold up and support any who are eager to rest their lives in his outstretched love and care.

Over the years many storms have raged against this post, but it continues to stand firm. A farmer could still rebuild using those same posts.

Often we build our lives relying on supports which can fail: popularity, wealth, possessions, while all the time the never-failing strength and love of God stand ready to support us in all manner of trouble which might storm into our lives. Or temptations like white ants that slowly gnaw away at our self worth and weaken us.

Think about when God says, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Without a doubt, what we most need in our lives is to recognise our need for God’s love and strength to grow our trust in his upholding love.

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