

The man was jogging on the side of the road, listening to his MP3 player and oblivious to the traffic around him. The woman driving her SUV had glanced back at her kids just for a second, and now she saw the jogger directly in front of her. She was heading right for him. Instinctively she nudged the wheel to her left and missed the man by a foot or less. The jogger never knew how close he was to losing his life that day.

We live our lives in much the same way as that jogger, don't we? From day to day you never know how close you are to danger. Who is the person who might infect you with a nasty virus that will knock you out for the better part of a week? You never know. Where is that inattentive driver whose car is going to swerve into your path leaving you no way out? You never know. Which house in your neighborhood will be the next to be broken into? You never know.

Because there is so much out there that we do not know and cannot predict, God wants us to know something about his love for us. The psalm writer tells us: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (91:11). Though there is much we cannot see, there is nothing God cannot see. And God dispatches his heavenly agents, his angels, to protect us from all sorts of dangers.

Someday you will meet these angels, and perhaps they will tell you about some of the dangers they kept from you. Until then, let us thank God for his love in sending his holy angels to keep us safe.

Prayer: Dear Father, thank you for commanding your angels to protect us. Because of your promise we can now trust that you are in control of the good and the bad in our lives, and you are always working everything out for our benefit. Keep us safe in body and spirit, and grant that safety to our loved ones as well. In your Son Jesus' name, Amen.

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