

Autobiography In Five Short Chapters

Chapter 1:

I walk down the street. (Proverbs 7:7-8; 22-27)

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

(unaware)

I fall in.

I am lost.... I am helpless.

It isn't my fault.

It takes forever to find a way out.

Chapter 2:

I walk down the street. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

(aware but
not responsible)

I pretend I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in the same place.

But, it isn't my fault.

It still takes a long time to get out.

Chapter 3:

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

(alert & responsible)

I see it is there.

I still fall in...It's a habit...but,

my eyes are open. (Mark 8:25; John 8:12; Psalm 119:105)

I know where I am.

It is my fault.

I get out immediately.

(alarm)

STAGES OF AWARENESS:

- 1) Unaware – no clue what's going on.
- 2) Aware – know what's going on but of no concern.
- 3) Alert – Aware of possible danger!
- 4) Alarm – Danger present and must act!

Chapter 4:

I walk down the same street. (Proverbs 4:25-27)

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I walk around it.

Chapter 5:

I walk down another street.

(Isaiah 48:17; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 10:24)

TEMPTATION:

- 1) **1 Cor. 10:13** – all are tempted and there IS a way out!
- 2) **Hebrews 4:15** – Jesus knows what it is like but did not sin.
- 3) **James 1:13-15** – Our lust leads to temptation that leads to sin and death.