

The Sun Is Always Shining

One summer, many years ago when I was a college student, I worked at a Christian dude ranch high up in the mountains southwest of Colorado Springs. My job was to drive the camp truck into Colorado Springs to pick up supplies, get the mail, and drive back to camp. It was a wonderful job, like getting to sightsee all summer.

One particular day, as I drove down the mountain, the entire Colorado Springs valley was covered with clouds. It was absolutely beautiful. The sun was glistening off the top of the clouds, as the mountain peaks popped out here and there. However, as I drove down the mountain into the low-lying clouds, the entire day was gray and drizzly. Later, in the afternoon, as I was driving back up the mountain, all of a sudden I popped above the clouds, and there was the sun as beautiful as ever. It dawned me that the sun had been shining the entire time, but in the gray and drizzle I'd forgotten that fact. God's presence and love are much the same way. They are always there. It's just that sometimes we lose sight of that fact. His love for us never changes, regardless of what the spiritual climate of the world is around us.

"Lord, remind me of your ever abiding presence, that in you I live and move and have my being, that I am yours. May I never lose my awareness of you, no matter how gray the world is around me. Amen."

