

SCARS

“See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.”

ISAIAH 49:16

Do you have any scars? It is safe to assume that most people—given a moment to think about it—could probably identify at least one. Did you know there are different types of scars—two, in fact?

No, I’m not talking about the difference between the scars you get from an accident or surgery and the scars you might get from climbing a tree or from your cat scratching you. I am talking about obedience scars and disobedience scars, and I happen to own at least one of each.

My disobedience scar came from the time I climbed over the door into Buck’s kennel. Buck was our family dog, and my dad had asked us many times not to climb into his kennel. He knew it could be dangerous and that we might get hurt. One day—thinking it didn’t look very dangerous—I climbed up the fence. A wire sticking up from a post made a deep scratch in my leg, right above my knee! I still wear a scar that reminds me of my disobedience.

The scar I really want to tell you about, however, is my obedience scar. When I was

about four or five years old, I went with my mom on some errands, one of which was to pick up my uncle from college.

Those were the days when car seats were not required by law and children were free to sit almost anywhere in the car. I was sitting up front with my mom that day. The front seat of our car had a bench seat—a seat that stretched across the whole length of the car, like most back seats today. Just for the record, I was wearing my seat belt!

My mom was taking a large mirror to the store to be framed. It was in the back, propped against the front seat. The edges of the mirror were exposed, and they were sharp!

As we neared the college, my mom reminded me that I needed to jump into the back seat so my uncle could sit up front. No sooner had she asked me to climb into the back then she remembered—the mirror!

But it was too late. I had already obeyed and thrown my left leg over the seat. My leg had come down right on top of the bare glass! I don’t remember much after that, other than being in the emergency room with a lot of unfamiliar people. Today, whenever I see that scar I am reminded that obedience leaves scars too.

Did you know that Jesus has obedience scars? Isaiah 49:16 says, “See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.”



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ACTIVITY

Unscramble the words below.

Then copy the letters from the numbered blocks to the numbered blanks below to discover where Jesus' obedience scars are.

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