"As for me, I will look to the Lord and I will wait for the God of my salvation, he will hear me. Do not laugh (at my weakness) when I fall, for I shall rise. When I sit in darkness the Lord will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, till he pleads my cause and brings me out to the light, and then I shall see his deliverance."

Confidence in our God's faithfulness to his Word as shown in Jesus Christ his Son is surely one of the most beautiful attributes of a true child of his; that confidence which is so readily found in a little child's attitude towards a parent that truly loves them. They do not seem to think that their parent loves them less when they exercise discipline, that only comes later when, through pride, they no longer are willing to humble themselves and admit their wrongdoing. The little child's pride has not developed that far yet, so they quickly run to that parent, confidently expecting forgiveness for what they have done, and loving encouragement to keep going.

The simple principle of Micah 7:7-9 is clearly shown to us in Heb 12:6-11 " ***The Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastens every son he receives. It is for discipline we have to endure. God is treating us as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? They disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."***