

# Pride before a fall

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I tripped  
Running in the dark  
Through the woods

Crash  
Splash  
Crunch  
Ouch

I should have used my torch  
Or followed someone else,  
Or slowed down.  
Then I might have seen the ditch.

But I thought I knew best,  
My 15 year old self.  
Thought I would be ok.

Instead, I came away covered head to toe in mud,  
And one A&E trip later my broken wrist was in bright blue cast.

Grappling in the dark, I thought I was ok.  
Thought I could find the way on my own.

My pride, my foolishness,  
and subsequent fall and resulting pain,  
taught me that sometimes to find my way I need help.  
From other people, who can hold my hand in dark woodland.  
From other resources, like a torch to see pits and potholes before I fall.

In John's gospel we read these words of Jesus.

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life". John 8:12*

Look to Jesus. The ultimate light.  
Be wise enough to keep close to Jesus,  
Who will guide us, challenge us and change us by his unwavering love for us  
Jesus helps us navigate the ditches and woodlands of life.  
No matter how dark things may feel, with Jesus the light will never fade.