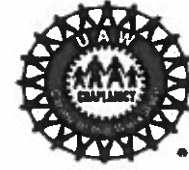




# Chaplaincy Chat



## *Who's Holding You Up?*

Many years ago, a young woman who felt called into the ministry was accepted into seminary. There were only two other women enrolled there, and her very presence seemed to make her male classmates uncomfortable. She felt isolated, yet on display. To make matters worse, many of her professors were doing their best to destroy her faith rather than build it up. Even her private devotion seemed dry and lonely.

At Christmas break she sought her father's counsel. "How can I be strong in my resolve and straight in my theology with all that I face there?"

Her father took a pencil from his pocket and laid it on the palm of his hand. "Can that pencil stand upright by itself?" he asked her. "No," she replied. Then her father grasped the pencil in his hand and held it in an upright position. "Ah," she said, "but you are holding it now"

"Daughter," he replied, "your life is like this pencil. But Jesus Christ is the one who can hold you."

Whatever difficulties you may confront today, remember it is God who holds you in His strength holds you up and enables you to face anything that come your way.

*Hebrews 13:5-6 I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. <sup>6</sup>So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

**"WE CARE"**