

- 1 In 1933, an attempt was made to climb the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, by F.S.Smythe. His fellow-climber could go no further, so he decided to go on a little way by himself. Smythe writes of what happened when he tried to climb alone:
- 2 *"After leaving Eric, a strange feeling possessed me that I was accompanied by another. This 'presence' was strong and friendly. In its company I could not feel lonely, neither could I come to any harm. It was always there to sustain me in my solitary climb up the snow-covered slabs. As I halted and extracted some mint-cake from my pocket, it was so near and so strong that I instinctively divided the mint into two halves and turned round with one half in my hand to offer it to my 'companion:'"*
- 3 Let's pause for a moment to remind ourselves that we are in the presence of God...

(pause...)

- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord Jesus,
open my eyes to recognise you
as you walk beside me,
accompanying me
on my journey in life each day.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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