

He Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You

Chapter 9 Good News in Times of Trouble¹

When we face hard times, we need to know that everything between God and us is right, but sometimes our overwhelming circumstances are so intense that we might *feel* as if we are forsaken by God. This is especially true if someone has been taught the error that hard times are God's way of disciplining us or that we have become separated from His presence because we've fallen short in some area.

However, He has promised to never leave us. The Amplified translation demonstrates to us just how sure this promise is.

Hebrews 13:5b AMP

For He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]

In fact, it is precisely when we have weaknesses that we can come boldly and confidently before Him. He understands everything about us.

Hebrews 4:15-16

*For we do not have a High Priest who cannot **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us **therefore** come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

When we “come before Him,” we don't need to see ourselves approaching Him as if He is in heaven and we are on earth. He is inside of us. We are in the holy place with Him at all times. There is no separation. We don't *need* to “enter” His presence. We are one spirit with Him. When we come before His throne of grace, we are already in the throne room! Glory to God. We simply speak to Him. No formulas are necessary.

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In those moments when you are tempted to despair (give up hope), remind yourself of this gift of knowing you are right now with Him and that He will never forsake you, especially in your times of need.

“God, I thank You for promising never ever to leave me or let go of me—not ever. You are here with me right now in my time of need even though I am not perfect. You are my friend, my brother, my Father, and my God.”



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We do not deserve God’s mercy (forgiveness). We do not merit His grace (favor). Still, He extends both to us at all times. We simply come before Him, empty-handed and receive all He wants to give.

Many years ago, during a difficult time in life, I penned this song.

At times like these I can feel Your peace
Reaching out to comfort me.
In moments sweet, I can feel Your love
Reaching out, reaching out to me.

So, I lift up my heart, and
I lift up my hands
To receive all that You want to give, and
I submit myself to all You want to do, and
Say Lord, that I love You, too.

Life gets hard sometimes.
It’s hard to see things through.
Even at times like these I feel Your peace.
So I reach out, reach out to You,
Reaching out, reaching we two.²

Take a moment to be still and acknowledge that He is with you, that you are one spirit with Him, and that He has not and never will leave you or give up on you. If you could hear Him speak, what do you think He would say to you to reassure you of His love?

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