

The Promise of Never Being Left

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⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not fear;

what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6, ESV)

1. _____ the Promises-Training that God Gives You

- Name the Stress that Confronts You (vs. 5)
- Locate God's Promises for You (vs. 5-6; Deut. 31:6; Ps. 118)
- Lean Upon God's Promise (vs. 6, "confidently say")
- Lean Upon the Community of Promise (Vs. 6, "we")

2. _____ this Promise That God Will Never Leave You

A. When _____ Flake out on Us, God Stays with You

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. (John 16:32, ESV)

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me. (2 Tim. 4:16)

B. When _____ Forsakes Us, God Stays with You

(Parents) Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close. (Psalm 27:10, NLT; See also Isaiah 49:15)

(In-Laws) and said to them, "I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before. But the God of my father has been with me. (Gen. 31:5, ESV)

(Children)

do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. (Mark 13:11-12; More positively, see also Luke 15:11-32, ESV)

C. When _____ Fail Us, God Stays with You

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13, ESV)

D. When _____ Taunts Us, God Stays with You

I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (2 Timothy 4:16-17)

Why have you forsaken me? . . . Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46)

Hope for this Week:

- What about this message gives you hope?
- What small step of grace is Jesus asking you to trust him with today?
- Are there any doubts, questions or obstacles that are keeping you from acting on this message? What do you need in order to overcome this obstacle?
- Is there someone in your life this message could encourage?