

"God, Don't Give Up On Me Yet" - Zanga Schutte, September.20.2026

Philippians 1:6 NIV being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

The good news is that God has not given up on us. God sees who we can become when we surrender our lives to Him.

1. God Is Not Finished With Us

Psalms 138:8 NLT The LORD will work out his plans for my life -- for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me.

We are all a work in progress. Just because we made a mistake does not mean God has walked away. God is saying, "I'm not finished with you yet."

2. Our Failures Don't Cancel God's Love

Luke 22:61 NIV The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."

After His resurrection, Jesus came looking for Peter. He restored him and gave him another opportunity. God's grace is greater than our failures.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

God knows everything about us and He still loves us. He doesn't excuse our sin, but He invites us to repent, get back up, and continue walking with Him.

3. God's Mercy Gives Us Another Chance

Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV ²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Every new day is another opportunity to return to God. When we come to God with a humble and repentant heart, He does not reject us. He forgives us, cleanses us, and gives us another chance.

4. Stay in the Potter's Hands

Isaiah 64:8 NIV Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

We don't have to understand everything God is doing. We only need to stay in His hands.

Psalms 91:1-2 KJV ¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

We can pray: God, keep working on me. Change what needs to be changed. Remove what needs to be removed. Heal what needs to be healed. Make me into the person You have called me to be."

5. Don't Give Up on God – or Yourself

John 10:10 NIV The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The enemy wants us to believe that we will never change. But God reminds us that we are forgiven, loved, and still being transformed.

Romans 8:1a NIV Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus . . .

Conclusion : Maybe we feel like we have failed too many times. God brought us here for a reason. So today, let this be the cry of our hearts: God, I'm not perfect, but I'm willing. I don't have everything figured out, but I trust You. Please forgive me, change me, and keep working in me. Don't give up on me yet." And remember this: **God hasn't given up on us. He is not finished with us yet. Amen!**