

God Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You - Zanga Schutte April 7, 2024

Matthew 28:17-20 ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Hebrews 13:5 NIV *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

Notes: How can we learn to be satisfied with what we have? 1. Strive to live with less rather than desiring more. 2. Give away out of your abundance rather than accumulating more. 3. Relish what you have rather than resenting what you're missing. 4. We will feel satisfied when we realize God's sufficiency for our needs. 5. Trusting in God to meet all our needs will dissolve and wash away discontentment. 6. Express thanks to God for what he has provided, and remember that every treasure and possession will pass away.

7 powerful scriptures to encourage us today that God is right here right now with all of us.

1. God is With You Isaiah 41:10 NIV *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Notes: Now all believers are God's chosen people, and all share the responsibility of representing him to the world. One day God will bring all his faithful people together. We need not fear because, 1) God is with us ("I am with you"); 2) God has established a relationship with us ("I am your God"); and 3) God gives us assurance of his strength, help, and victory over sin and death.

2. God is For You Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Notes: God says to be strong and courageous; Don't be afraid for God goes with us and He will never leave us nor forsake us.

3. God Sees You 1 Peter 3:12 NIV *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

Psalms 34:15a NIV *The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;*

Notes: When we feel most invisible and forgotten by everyone else, we can remember that God does see us. He witnesses our struggles and comes alongside us.

4. God Hears You Psalms 65:2 NIV *You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.*

Notes: Through the scriptures, we are taught that God will always hear our prayers and will answer them if we address Him with faith and real intent. In our hearts we will feel the

confirmation that He does hear us, a feeling of peace and calm. We can also feel that everything will be fine when we follow the Father's will.

5. God Knows You Jeremiah 1:5 NIV *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*

Notes: God knew us long before we were born or even conceived. He thought about us and planned for us .

When we feel discouraged or inadequate, remember that God has always thought of us as valuable. -He loves us and created us for a purpose.

6. God Cares About You 1 Peter 5:7 NIV *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

Notes: Carrying our worries, stresses, and daily struggles by ourselves shows that we have not trusted God fully with our lives. Humility is needed, however, to recognize that God cares, to admit our needs, and to let others in God’s family help us. Sometimes we think that struggles caused by our own sin and foolishness are not God’s concern. But when we turn to God in repentance, he will bear the weight even of those struggles. Letting God carry our anxieties calls for action. Don’t submit to circumstances; submit to the Lord, who controls circumstances.

7. God Loves You John 3:16 NIV *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Notes: Here God sets the pattern of true love, the basis for all love relationships—when you love someone dearly, you are willing to give to them freely, to the point of self-sacrifice. God paid dearly with the life of his Son, the highest price he could pay. Jesus accepted our punishment, paid the price for our sins, and then offered us the new life that he had bought for us. When we share the Good News with others, our love must be like Jesus’—willing to give up our own comfort and security so that others might join us in receiving God’s love.

In closing; Remember what the Word says in Hebrews 13:5 NIV *“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”*