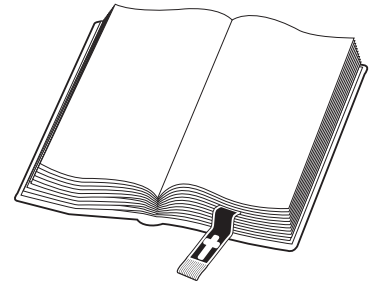


Safe and Secure in Jesus' Arms

"Hold me up, and I shall be safe, and I shall observe Your statutes continually."

Psalm 119:117



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The leaders in our country may fail us. Family and friends may hurt and disappoint us. We may lose a loved one, a job, or our health. We may lose all we hold dear in this world, but a believer (a true believer) will never lose Jesus Christ. In the midst of suffering, sorrow, tests, trials, temptations, and disappointments, Jesus Christ will not fail us! He is holding us up. He is keeping us safe and secure in His loving arms.

Romans 8:35-39 reads, *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Beloved, there is no greater safety or security than this. Nothing in this world is secure except Jesus. A death, an illness, a job loss, a divorce, an accident, a terrorist attack, a crash on the stock market, a recession, a flood, a tornado or a hurricane can strip us of everything we hold on to for security. But nothing and no one can separate a true believer from the love of Jesus Christ. Psalm 27:10 reads, *"When my father and my mother*

forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me."

God is our heavenly Father. He will never forsake us. Psalm 68:5-6 tells us that God is a father to the fatherless. He is a defender of the widows, and He sets the solitary in families.

I was illegitimate. I never knew my natural father. My mother tried to abort me three times. For many years she verbally and physically beat me and allowed her live-in boyfriends to sexually abuse me. Living in an alcoholic, violent home, I never knew love, safety, or security until I put my trust in Jesus Christ in March 1976. Over the years God's love, mercy, lovingkindness, and HIS AMAZING GRACE have cleansed, delivered, healed, and restored my heart and soul. The Holy Spirit gave me His power to forgive as Christ forgave me for my sins. God has been kinder to me than any natural father or mother. He is also my best friend. I have constantly felt safe and secure in the arms of my Lord.

Beloved believer, your true safety and security are in Jesus' arms. He wants to hold you close to Him in your time of sorrow, trials, and temptations. He will never fail you. You can trust Him. Jesus knows all of your problems and all of your pain, and He alone can help you in a way that will give you true peace and joy.

— *Janice McBride*

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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