



Lord, Have You Forgotten Me?

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” Psalm 27:14 (KJV)

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Beloved, in the midst of painful lengthy trials, have you ever wondered if the Lord has forgotten you? Isaiah 55:8–9 (KJV) has been a great help to me over the years. It reads, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

I constantly remind myself that no matter how bad my situation is, the Lord is in control. His plans and purposes for my life, how He sees my problems, the work He wants to do in my heart, and how He intends to handle my situations are always different than what I am expecting. His thoughts and ways are always better than mine.

Another scripture that helps me is Isaiah 40:29–31 (KJV), which reads, *“He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.”*

From this scripture I know my Lord has not forgotten me. Look at the precious promises He has given me as I trust Him and wait upon Him: (1) power when I feel faint; (2) increased strength when I am weary; (3) power to mount up with wings as an eagle (which is the ability to rise above my troubles); (4) power to run and not be weary; and power to walk and not faint. All of this is His power, strength, and AMAZING GRACE to take me victoriously through each situation as I wait upon the Lord!

You may be thinking, “I know this is what the Bible promises, and it sure sounds good, but does it really work?” Yes, beloved, it does work. I have held onto this promise through the death of several loved ones, serious illnesses that have lasted for years, and many painful tests and trials. Obedience to God’s Word always works out for our good and for His glory!

I want to encourage you with a promise from Psalm 40:1–3 (KJV), which reads, *“I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.”*

Whatever horrible pit and miry clay situation you are in, if you trust and wait patiently on the Lord, in His way and time, He will bring you out of it. He will put a new song of praise in your mouth. Beloved, I want to encourage you today. The Lord has not forgotten you. The devil may be trying to tell you that, but he is a liar. The Lord has not forgotten you. Remember Jesus loves you, and He clearly promises that I will never leave you nor forsake you, saith the Lord. So again I want to say this to you. I know I keep repeating it, but some of you need to hear it. The Lord has not forgotten you.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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