

***The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. [Psalm 9:9-10]***

I am not sure who needs to read this, but I felt moved to share the following that I wrote for my Facebook daily devotion group. In a world where the only certainty is death and taxes, and absolutes are not so absolute (i.e. never say “never”), there are some “nevers” you can count on. And so, I offer you this devotional thought to you:

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I heard this song on KLove this morning by an artist that is becoming a new favorite for me, Tasha Layton. The song is “Never”. Here is an excerpt:

*When this broken world is breaking me down  
When my tears and knees both fall to the ground  
When my questions make me doubt You more than ever  
You remind me that Your answer is always never  
Never forgotten  
Never forsaken  
Never abandoned  
Not for a second  
I am safe in Your hands  
Always and forever  
You're never not working  
My heart is the proof  
There's not a broken too broken for You  
Will there ever come a day when You're not holding me together?  
You say never*

In Psalm 9, David knows that God is a stronghold for him, and he knows God will not forsake him. When one has that assurance, then it makes no difference what life throws at you. With God as your stronghold and God saying, “Never forgotten”, “Never forsaken”, and “Never abandoned”, how can you not live with confidence? Many in this world make the aforementioned claims but they do not and cannot follow through. Do not be fooled. Sinners cannot say never, except for, “I can never stop sinning”. But God is faithful and will NEVER stop being faithful. God will NEVER stop loving you. Through Jesus Christ God will

NEVER stop forgiving you. Once in His mighty hands through faith, God will NEVER let you go.

Whatever it is that is causing you to fear, whatever it is that is closing in around you, whatever is it that is speaking hopelessness in your ears, cling to the “Nevers” of God, running to Him through Jesus, and be at peace.

LET US PRAY: Father God, I praise that You never will forget me, forsake me or abandon me. And You sealed that promise with the cross of Jesus. Thank you for that assurance and hope. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.