

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



THE OTHER HAND

Last week I wrote about the promise from a loving God written in His Word the Bible where it says, "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands". I suggested looking at the lines of your hand and giving some of the lines names to help remember and think about the promises God has made: The Forgiveness Line; Love and Friendship Line; Wisdom Line; Line for understanding.

This week let's think about "The Other Hand" and more promises God makes to us.

I AM YOUR STRENGTH: Ever feel that life is beating you down (we all have those days), and you wonder if you will have the strength or interest to keep going? A follower of God who armies had chased wrote, "The LORD is my strong defender; he is the one who has saved me. He is my God, and I will praise him." (Exodus 15:2)

I HEAR YOU WHEN YOU TALK TO ME: God doesn't expect fancy words or flowery language. He loves us to tell him our problems, joys, what excites us. Surprisingly he is even interested when we might be bored. A Great King who trusted God once wrote, "(Psalm 66:19) Not sure how to talk to him? Tell him that too.

I WILL FIGHT FOR YOU: Feel like the world is "picking on you"? There is a song with the words, "When God is on my side, who can be against me?" These words come from "His Word", "Do not be afraid of them; the LORD, your God himself, will fight for you." (*Deuteronomy 3:22*) Sometimes it might feel as if He's not. With God, a promise is a promise, never to be broken. We need to believe him.

I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU ALONE: Despite all the multi-media, Twitter, texting, etc., there has never been more loneliness in the world. People we thought were friends let us down. Families we expected always to be there with support fall apart. Choose a line on your hand to constantly remind you. God says, "Be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." (*Matthew 28:20*)

I WILL GIVE YOU PEACE: How often do we long for peace? The world, the media, peoples of all colours and creeds constantly talk about the need for peace. Sadly it is often made as a demand. "We must have peace!" and we go searching. But a caring God makes an offer, no demands, an offer! "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my special peace that I give you.." (*John 14:27*)

Look at your hands. God has two hands. Remember, you are carved into each one. He cannot forget you.

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