

I. Our *fathers* and *mothers*  
*forsake* us

A. *Forsaking* finds many *forms*

1 Sam 16:5-12;  
Gen 37:3-4;  
John 9:18-23;  
Luke 2:41-46a

B. All parents *forsake* their  
*children*

II. The *Lord* will *receive* me

A. He will not *forsake* us

Ps 62:11-12a; Heb 13:5;  
Judges 2:10-16; 10:6-14

B. The Lord *hears* us when we *call*

Ps 55:16; 91:14-16;  
Rom 10:13; Matt 12:46-50;  
Rom 5:8; John 1:12;  
Gal 6:10; Eph 2:18-19;  
Heb 2:10-11;  
1 John 3:2

III. *We* *wait* on *Him* (*alone*)

A. We put our *hope* and *heart*  
in His *hands*

Ps 62:1-2, 5-12;  
Eph 5:20

B. Then, we *pour* into *others*

John 7:37-38

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup> Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek. <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. <sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup> Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. <sup>13</sup> I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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1. Did you participate in any of the many options for church activities this past Sunday (auction, baptisms, soccer training, small group meetings, etc.)? If so which, and would you care to share about it (get anything at the auction, share a baptism story . . .)?
2. On the “forsaking spectrum” of 1 to 10, how would you rate your childhood and parents? Was yours “basically good” or something else?
3. Why is it that parents can’t help but in some way failing their children? If you’re a parent, how have you failed yours?
4. If our parents failing us and us as parents failing our children is the bad news of verse 10, what’s the good news? How is the Lord different than us as human parents?
5. According to this Psalm, what is our responsibility toward Him (if He is our Father and will not forsake us, what is our part)? What might that look like?
6. Agree/Disagree “If we don’t call on Him, we’re forsaking Him.” (Discuss your answer)
7. What does it mean to “wait upon the Lord”? Practically, how can we do that (can you give some real life examples)?
8. Why would waiting upon the Lord be the power to a potentially good family life (see verse 13), regardless of whether one is a husband, wife, father, mother or child?
9. Discuss this as it relates to David’s family history and yours: “Our past doesn’t determine our present or our future, our choices do.” What choices in this Psalm promise to lead to a good present and future?

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