

## No Fair-Weather Friend

When the weather is nice we want to be outside, enjoying God's creation. But when the rain or storm clouds roll in we bundle up inside and want nothing to do with the outside world.

God is not a fair-weather friend. He doesn't abandon us when we do something wrong or face challenges. It is quite the opposite. He offers to go with us through our battles. *The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged (Deuteronomy 31:8).*



The definition of forsake is to abandon. We know for certain that that God will not abandon us. It is written countless times in scripture.

We have all heard it said that when things get tough you know who your real friends are. While others are running away our friends move in closer. But, words like “never” and “always” are eternal words, and perhaps sometimes even the best of friends may have their limitations. When God says these words they are set in stone. They mean exactly what they say – always and never.

God is there waiting for you during the toughest of struggles. Bring Him into those times through prayer and commitment. You can be assured of His promise to “never leave you or forsake you.” In the Bible, those words were written specifically to the people of Israel, who were facing unsurmountable challenges and were afraid. The words were an assurance they could trust God. And as we saw in verse 8, God is willing to go in front of us, leading the way. What a comfort that is!

Because it is written many times in the Bible we can be assured that God will be with us in our struggles. Max Lucado said that “God is not into the love ‘em and leave-em stuff.” No matter what storms you face God is with you every step of the way.

**For personal reflection:** What storms are you facing? Have you asked God to go with you as you face them?

**The Bible Says:** *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6).*

**Prayer:** Dear Lord. As we go through the struggles of life be with us. Let us take comfort in You, Your Grace, Your Mercy and direct our thoughts to You. Amen.