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# DAY 1: Always Holding On

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“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8 NIV).

“I was a dead man walking.” These are the first words that came to me (Cole) when I began writing this song. I thought about the person I used to be and how I’ve completely changed since I met Jesus Christ.

The Bible is full of stories about how Jesus changed people’s lives. Verse one of the song is about Lazarus. This man got sick and died, and his body was buried in a tomb. Four days later, Jesus showed up and said, “Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43 NLT). And Lazarus did come out! He was fully healed and fully alive.

Verse two of the song is about the apostle Paul. We often think of Paul as the great evangelist who wrote much of the New Testament, but he wasn’t always that person. No, Paul was once a Pharisee who “was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers” (Acts 9:1 NLT). Jesus met Paul on the road to Damascus and radically transformed his life.

Verse three of the song is about you and your story. You were once lost and spiritually dead because of sin, but when you met Jesus, everything changed. Like Lazarus, you are alive! Like Paul, you are transformed! Everything is different because you are “found in the love of Christ.”

The title of this song, “Always Holding On,” came from a moment I had with the Lord the morning of that writing day. As a believer, I know that nothing I do makes me worthy of a relationship with God. It’s all about His grace. However, I sometimes worry that I’m not strong enough, obedient enough, or just “enough” in general. That morning, I prayed, “Father, I love You, but I feel like I’m missing the mark. Help me hold on to You.”

Right away, the Holy Spirit spoke to me. He said, “Yes, I’ll help you hold on. But I want you to know that I am the one who is holding on to you.” I instantly felt peace. I didn’t have to worry or strive for perfection anymore. My relationship with the Lord does not rely on me holding on to Him. He is the one holding on to me!

# Always Holding On

*Jessie Harris, Phil King, and Jonathan Cole Novak*

## VERSE 1

I was a dead man walking  
You were my only Friend  
Out of the grave You called my name  
You made me alive again

## VERSE 2

I was the worst of sinners  
You were a blinding light  
I was a slave to my own way  
And You gave me a brand new life

## CHORUS

Oh Your love won't let me go  
Your love has saved my soul  
Always holding on to me  
Your love's always holding on to me

## VERSE 3

Now I'm a new creation  
Everything left behind  
Used to be lost but now I'm found  
Found in the love of Christ

## BRIDGE

Nowhere that I could go  
Nowhere that I could hide  
Nothing could separate us now  
No way Your love is backing down

## **DAY 2: See You Move**

*Josiah Funderburk, Lauren Mwonga, and Zac Rowe*

"This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed" (Habakkuk 2:3 NLT).

When Zac, Josiah, and I (Lauren) met together to begin writing this song, we had a very open and honest conversation about our lives. We realized that all three of us had been experiencing a season of grief, insecurity, and hardship. Josiah was fervently praying for a family member, Zac had nearly lost his youngest son the previous week, and I was struggling to walk confidently in what God was calling me to in the writing and worship world.

That day we decided to throw out the "writing rules" and just say something meaningful. How could we express our hurting hearts while also declaring the truth of God's faithfulness? The answer was in Scripture.

David had an incredibly close relationship with God. In fact, God referred to him as "a man after my own heart" (Acts 13:22 NLT). Still, David's life was not perfect. Before he became the king of Israel, he spent many years running and hiding from enemies who wanted to destroy him. And even after David secured the throne, he made some bad choices that came with painful consequences.

David wrote, "Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck. Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me" (Psalm 69:1-2 NLT).

David could have given up and surrendered to his difficult circumstances, but he didn't. Instead, he prayed, "Answer my prayers, O LORD; for your unfailing love is wonderful. Take care of me, for your mercy is so plentiful" (Psalm 69:16-17 NLT).

And in Psalm 27:13, he declared, "I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living" (NLT).

The bridge of this song begins, "You don't delay Your promise." This is an important reminder that the Almighty God we serve does not act according to our preferred schedule. Our thinking is limited by our concept of time and space, but God exists outside of these constraints. He knows exactly what we need and when we need it. He is never late.

As we wait to see the fulfillment of God's promises, we can let our hearts take courage in the truth that God is and always will be faithful.

# See You Move

*Josiah Funderburk, Lauren Mwonga, and Zac Rowe*

## VERSE 1

Every prayer I know You know what I'm waiting for  
Here and now or down the road, either way it goes

## PRE CHORUS

Your yes is perfect, and Your no is too  
I will trust in You

## CHORUS

I will remember  
Your faithfulness  
I'm confident, I will see You move  
You never leave me  
You're always near  
I know You're here, I will see You move

## VERSE 2

In the day to day, in the in-between I'm not letting go  
Oh help me see something real, oh God of miracles

## BRIDGE

You don't delay Your promise  
You finish what You started  
I know I will see Your goodness  
You won't withhold Your presence  
Your power has no limit  
I know I will see Your goodness

# DAY 3: I Have A Savior

*Anna Byrd, Kyle Lee, and Leeland Mooring*

"Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever" (Psalm 73:23-26 NLT).

"I Have A Savior" is a love song about the beautiful relationship we have with Jesus. When you fall in love with someone, you want to be close to them. You want to talk with them and spend time in their presence. The two of you are a perfect match, and no one else comes close.

Every person can have that kind of relationship with Jesus. You may have thought that the Christian faith is about following a list of rules, but in reality, it is about relationship. Jesus loves us more than we will ever comprehend, and He proved it by giving His life to pay the price for our sins. He freed us from the power of sin and death!

Jesus is the Savior who offers eternal life to everyone who will accept Him. He is the Friend who brings comfort and peace to the lonely. He is the Healer of hurting hearts and broken bodies. And He is the Anchor who carries us through the storms of life. If we have Jesus, then we have everything we need.

When we come to Jesus, there is no shame. He does not condemn us for our past, however sin-stained it may be. Instead, Jesus welcomes us with open, loving arms. The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (NLT)

Some people think they have to attend a church service to meet Jesus, but our Savior is not confined to the four walls of any building. He is willing to meet us anywhere and anytime.

Today may be the day you experience the love of Jesus for the first time. Or perhaps you have walked with Him for many years and simply need a reminder of how much He cares for you. We pray this song will encourage you to fix your eyes on the Savior who changed everything on the cross and continues to change everything today.

# I Have A Savior

*Anna Byrd, Kyle Lee, and Leeland Mooring*

## VERSE 1

I have a Savior  
A Friend forever  
The Lover of my soul  
Through every trial  
He won't forsake me  
I'll never be alone

## CHORUS

All I'll ever need is Jesus  
All I need to sing is His name  
All my heart belongs to Jesus  
By His grace and mercy I'm saved

## VERSE 2

There are no riches  
That could persuade me  
Or steal away my soul  
I have been ransomed  
Now and forever  
My Savior, My reward

## BRIDGE

You're my future and my hope  
You're the anchor for my soul  
And I was made for You

# DAY 4: Good to Me

*Matt Armstrong, Phil King, Kyle Lee, and Rhyan Shirley*

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn’t ... we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up” (Daniel 3:17-18 NLT).

The inspiration for “Good to Me” came from the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These three Jewish men were challenged, persecuted, and tested for their faith in God.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were brought to Babylon as captives when King Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem. They received special training and education, and the king was so impressed with their wisdom and judgment that he gave them positions of authority in his kingdom.

One day King Nebuchadnezzar ordered everyone in the land to worship a giant gold statue. The order came with this warning, “Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace” (Daniel 3:6 NLT).

A report soon reached King Nebuchadnezzar that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the statue. He was absolutely furious! The king demanded that they obey and even taunted, “What god will be able to rescue you from my power?” (Daniel 3:15 NLT).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to make a choice. Would they surrender to the demand of this pagan king, or would they trust the God who had always been faithful to them?

The three Jewish men once again refused to bow to the idol, and in doing so, they refused to bow to something else—fear. Nothing was going to make them abandon their faith in God. Of course, they wanted God to rescue them (and they believed He would), but even if He didn’t, they were still going to worship the one true God.

God did rescue Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and even King Nebuchadnezzar had to admit, “There is no other god who can rescue like this!” (Daniel 3:29 NLT).

When we choose to trust God, fear loses its control over us. Our circumstances may be bleak (or fiery), and we may be unsure of how things will turn out. But there is one thing we can be sure of—God is good. He is worthy of our worship and our trust.

God did not abandon Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the furnace, and He won’t abandon you in your fire either.



# Good to Me

*Matt Armstrong, Phil King, Kyle Lee, and Rhyan Shirley*

## VERSE 1

You've been a Friend by my side  
The ups and downs of my life  
With every mountain I climb  
I love You more and more

## VERSE 2

With You is where I belong  
With You is where I am home  
Your kindness leaves me in awe  
I love You more and more

## CHORUS

I know that You are good, through the fire You're beside me  
I know that You are good, You will never forsake me  
I know that You are good, You're so good to me

## VERSE 3

No one else cares like You do  
No one more honest and true  
With every day spent with You  
Lord, I love You more and more  
And I praise You more and more

## BRIDGE

I won't bow down to this fear, I won't cave in to this doubt  
No matter what comes I'll shout  
You're so good, You're so good

# DAY 5: All Your Plans

*Michael Bethany and Mark Harris*

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11 NLT).

One morning, I (Michael) was asked to lead worship at a staff meeting. During that time, I had been reading in the book of Exodus about how God called Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. I was intrigued because God’s plans to deliver His people only seemed to make their lives worse.

When Moses told Pharaoh that God said to set the Israelites free, the ruler did not listen. Instead, he declared, “Load them down with more work. Make them sweat!” (Exodus 5:9). Life became so difficult for the Israelites that they began to doubt God and turn against Moses.

Pharaoh did eventually let the Israelites leave Egypt, but then he changed his mind and chased after them. God’s people soon found themselves trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army. At that point, God’s plan seemed totally unreasonable. Why would He deliver them from slavery just to have them die in the wilderness?

The truth is God’s plan wasn’t unreasonable—it was perfect. “Moses told the people, ‘Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again’” (Exodus 14:13 NLT). God’s plan not only involved freeing the Israelites from slavery but also included developing Moses into a great leader and completely annihilating the Egyptian army.

This story stirred in my heart as I lead worship, and I spontaneously began to sing these words: “All Your plans are perfect, all Your plans are perfect, perfect for me”.

I could sense feelings of confusion and doubt in the room about the unclear and discouraging things that happen in our everyday lives. We expect God to work in certain ways on our behalf, but sometimes it seems that His plans create unnecessary and even painful detours. God used these lyrics to remind us that even though His plans may not make sense at any given moment, they always prove perfect in the end.

I shared the lyrics with Mark, and he shared another lyric he had been saving for just the right song. We put all the lyrics together, and with a few extra verses, “All Your Plans” was complete.

Keep praying. Keep believing. And keep trusting that all God’s plans for you are good.

# All Your Plans

*Michael Bethany and Mark Harris*

## VERSE 1

My end from the beginning, You see it all so clear  
You know my every moment, so why should I fear

## VERSE 2

I may not understand it, but You will lead me through  
You won't forsake Your promise, so I will trust You

## CHORUS

All Your plans are perfect  
All Your plans are perfect  
All Your plans are perfect  
Perfect for me

## VERSE 3

So while I wait I worship, Lord, I still believe  
That You will always finish what You've begun in me

## BRIDGE

You're working all things  
You're working all things  
You're working all things for my good  
I may not see it, but I believe it  
You're working all things for my good

# DAY 6: At the Mention

*Mark Harris and Kyle Lee*

“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11 NLT).

The name of Jesus is powerful. It is greater than any other name. We (Mark and Kyle) wrote “At the Mention” as both a reminder and a declaration of the authority that all believers have when we call on the name of Jesus.

During Jesus’ ministry on earth, He did many miracles, including freeing people who were possessed by evil spirits. Jesus did not have to identify Himself to the evil spirits—they knew exactly who He was. Mark 3:11 says, “Whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw themselves to the ground in front of him shrieking, ‘You are the Son of God!’” (NLT) The moment the evil spirits came into the presence of Jesus, they recognized His divine authority.

Acts 3 tells the story of a powerful interaction between Peter and John and a crippled beggar. This man asked the disciples for money as they were on their way to the Temple. Peter replied, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” (v. 6 NLT). The man was instantly healed. For the first time in his life, he could walk!

It is important to remember that “Jesus” is not a magical word. It’s not an incantation you can use to get whatever you want. The seven sons of Sceva learned this lesson the hard way in Acts 19. They tried to cast out an evil spirit by using Jesus’ name, and this is what happened: “The spirit replied, ‘I know Jesus ... but who are you?’ Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them” (v. 15-16 NLT).

Why didn’t the name of Jesus work for these men? Because they had no relationship with Him. You must have a relationship with Jesus in order to be able to access the power and authority of His name.

Perhaps you are facing a difficult situation today and are in need of miracle. If you are a believer, then begin declaring the name of Jesus over your life. Your Savior has all authority and all power, and nothing can stand against His name.

# At the Mention

*Mark Harris and Kyle Lee*

## VERSE 1

There is a word I love to speak  
All of my hope and all my strength  
Takes every fear and gives me peace, Jesus

## VERSE 2

There is a word that calms the storm  
Mending the heart that once was torn  
Heals every wound and ends the war, Jesus

## CHORUS

At the mention of Your name  
At the mention of Your name  
Every captive is a soul set free  
Every battle is a victory  
Jesus, Jesus

## VERSE 3

There is a word death could not kill  
Broken and bruised on Calvary's hill  
Out of the grave it echoes still, Jesus

## BRIDGE

Life is spoken, curses broken  
At the mention of the name of Jesus  
Death awakens, hell is shaken  
At the mention of the name of Jesus

# DAY 7: In the Shadow

*Jessie Harris, Lauren Mwonga, and Levi Smith*

“How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!  
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings” (Psalm 36:7 AMP®).

The Bible refers to God’s shadow many times. Here are a few examples:

- We can take refuge in the shadow of His wings because of His lovingkindness (Psalm 36:7).
- God hides us in the shadow of His hand (Isaiah 49:2).
- We can sing in the shadow of His wings because He is our helper (Psalm 63:7).

One of the most famous verses that talks about God’s shadow is Psalm 91:1:  
“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty” (NASB).

According to Jewish tradition, Psalm 91 was written by Moses. Imagine for a moment what Moses could have been thinking about when he wrote that first verse.

When the children of Israel left Egypt, they were led by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire by night. The cloud not only led the Israelites away from the danger of Pharaoh’s army, but it also provided comfort for them with its shade.

Have you ever been outside on a hot sunny day when a cloud moved in front of the sun and brought relief from the heat? Most people look up at the sky when that happens. In the same way, we as believers are meant to look up at God. He is our source of protection and peace.

Exodus 33 tells us that Moses set up the Tent of Meeting as a place to meet with God. “As he went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and hover at its entrance while the Lord spoke with Moses ... face to face, as one speaks to a friend” (vv. 9, 11 NLT).

How do you build your relationship with your friends? You spend time with them. How do you build a relationship with God? You spend time with Him.

God’s shadow is a place of safety, direction, peace, and intimacy. It’s a place where God speaks to us as a friend and assures us He is near. It’s a place where He heals our hearts and teaches us to trust Him.

# In the Shadow

*Jessie Harris, Lauren Mwonga, and Levi Smith*

## VERSE 1

You're the hope that holds me close  
With a hand that won't let go  
In my trouble You have shown  
You are the One  
My help comes from

## VERSE 2

In my sin I lost my way  
Overtaken by the shame  
But in my brokenness You've shown  
You are the One  
My help comes from

## CHORUS

In the shadow of Your wings, In the shadow I will sing  
In the shadow of Your wings I am not afraid

## VERSE 3

When I'm standing in the fight  
In Your peace I will abide  
Through every battle You have shown  
You are the One  
My help comes from

## BRIDGE

I'm safe in Your arms (I'm a child of God)  
No weapon formed against me will stand  
You hold the victory

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