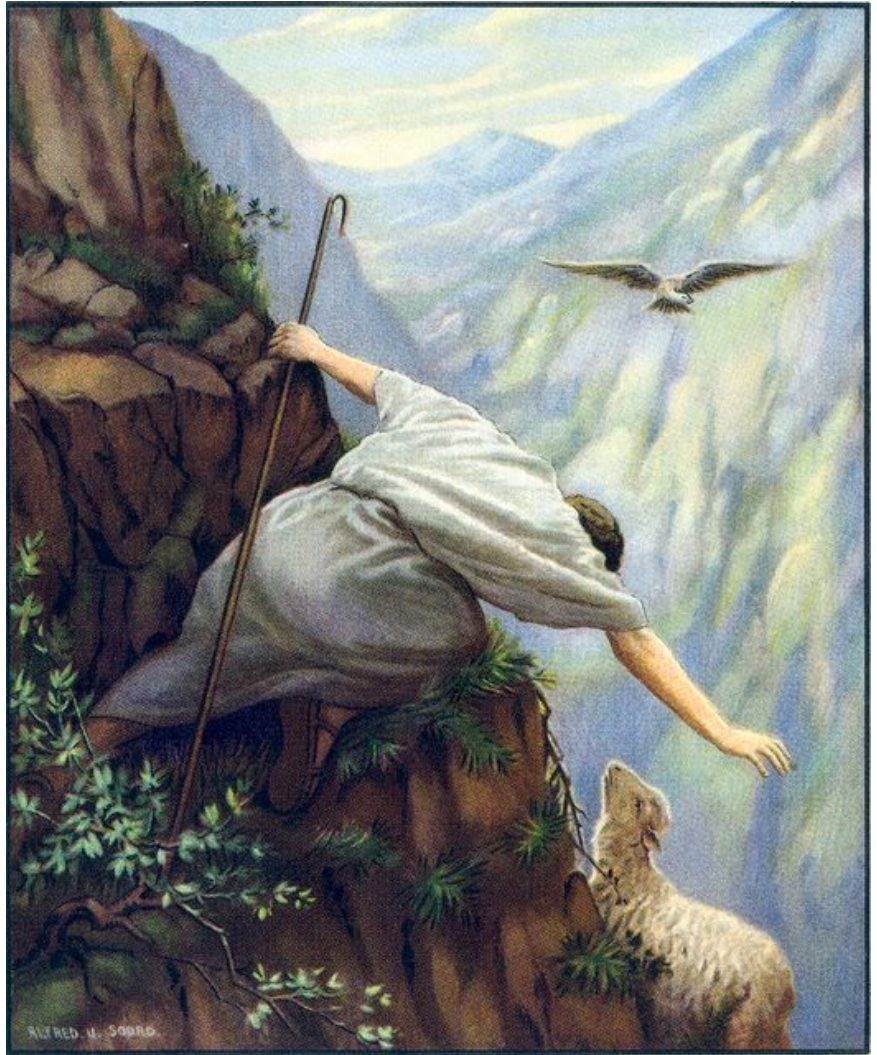


“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He Will Not Fail Thee, Nor Forsake Thee.” Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV

Others, including loved ones, may never know the depths of sorrow and loss we experience deep in our souls, but there is One Who does! *“For consider [Christ] that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”* Can you imagine loving another so much that you would endure mockery, torture, and death at their hands? No, you cannot! Even if you take into account the fact that the Father and Son are one, you have the unfathomable Truth Christ was forsaken by all including the Father! He cried in agony, *“My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?”* He hung in the black chasm between heaven and earth in the cataclysmic hour of man’s ultimate Redemption to rescue man from the damnation of his own design! FORSAKEN!! He hated it so much He has sworn to His Beloved they will never know those depths of that agonizing aloneness! He has already been where you are and where you will go, *“in all points tempted like as we yet, without sin,”* and He will walk with you even through *“the Valley of the Shadow of Death;”* IF YOU LET HIM! The true agony of the Lake of Fire will be the eternal forsakenness of the damned without God; forever alone in black fire knowing it was your own choice! If only we could begin to grasp an iota of that, we would be more zealous in reaching out to the lost and dying with the Message of the Gospel of Peace. We would be more prone to walking with the One who has forsworn to keep us from the agony He endured on our behalf.



He died for me on the mountain, For me they pierced His side,
For me He opened the fountain, The crimson, cleansing tide;
For me He’s waiting in glory, Seated upon His throne,
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone. –Unknown

The greatest agony of any trial is walking through it feeling alone; but if you feel this way it’s because your faith has succumbed to Satan’s lies! If you are alone, you have forsaken God; not He, you. The fact is; God’s Word is absolute irrefutable Truth: He’ll NEVER forsake His own! Do you believe it or not? When we disobey in unbelief, we are forsaking Him all over again!

“Let your conversation (behavior) be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, ‘I will NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.’ So that we may boldly say, ‘The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.’” Hebrews 13:5-6 KJV