

## Have You Ever Felt Forsaken By All?

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Think about what Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:16: “At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.” (NKJV). Paul knew what it was like to be forsaken. Paul is a man I look up to. Paul is, and has for a long time, been my hero of the New Testament. That is, aside from Christ. Even in the mist of trials, disappointments, and setbacks, Paul somehow always seemed to keep it together. When you read 2 Timothy 4 from Paul’s side, well, it is a very sad chapter. But notice what Paul said even after being forsaken by others: “May it not be charged against them.” Does that cut you the same way it cuts me? He has been forsaken. Human instinct often is “I am going to get them back!” Or “I hope someday they feel the same way I do!” Yet Paul kept his cool and he continued to think about the souls of those who had forsaken him when he said, “May it not be charged against them.” I do not know about you, but that makes me feel small thinking about all the times I may have tried to get even with others. Paul was more noble, and said, “May it not be charged against them.”

Now though it is worthy to note how Paul responded to being forsaken, what he said in verse 17 is just as much worthy of thought and consideration when perhaps we feel forsaken. He wrote, “But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.” Even

though Paul was forsaken by men, the Lord stood with him! It hurts when you are forsaken by your brethren, but in the event that happens, know that God would still have you to be mindful of the souls of those who have forsaken you. Furthermore, bear in mind, if you are fighting the Lord’s battles, the Lord is never going to leave you to fight alone. Yes, like Paul, you will be “delivered out of the mouth of the lion” as well. Even if the only person who stands with you is the Lord, you are going to win! Pray for those who forsake, reject, despise, hate, talk about you behind your back, and even avoid you! Keep on the Lord’s side and you will win!

*Zechariah Anderson*

## A New Testament Commentary

Max Patterson, former preacher at Hillcrest, has released a New Testament commentary on CD. This commentary is a culmination of 35+ years of study and has the complete Greek text followed by the English translation. It identifies all of the verbs used in the New Testament and explains their importance. In addition, there are comments on the text. This commentary is made available for \$40 which includes shipping. If you would like one, it may be ordered through the office.

Or you may order it directly from:

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Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, Angela Collett, Charles Collinsworth Sr., Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Neosho Christian School and Honduras mission work.

- Don Goeman is in Freeman West battling pneumonia.
- Kayla Hayes had ankle surgery last week and is recovering at home.
- Billie Griffin had back surgery last week and is recovering at home.

### Note Of Thanks!

Hillcrest church of Christ,

*We would like to thank you for your wonderful hospitality at the luncheon on Monday. The servers were precious and the food was amazing! We appreciate your prayers and support more than you know!*

Goodman Faculty and Staff

**Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need.** Recently we helped some members of the church who are having lots of



every **ONE** counts!

medical expenses. See Luke if you know people we can help. Please see the bulletin board for a note of thanks from a recent family we have helped!



### This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Blessed Are The Merciful*  
(Matthew 5:7, Danny Boggs)  
P.M. *A Good Way To Get Bad Leaders*  
(Judges 8-9, Danny Boggs)

**Elders/Deacons meeting** will be this Sunday night, September 17, after evening services.

**Men's BBQ night** will be next Thursday, September 21, at Woody's in Webb City. We will leave at 6 pm from the church parking lot.

**Free Wednesday night dinner** for college students and young adults at 6:00 pm in the new fellowship building! Come enjoy good food and company. Bring friends!

**Neosho Christian School Donation Benefit Concert:** Come join NCS on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 pm for a benefit concert featuring "The Sho-Me Statesmen" and "Senior Varsity!" This event will take place in the NCS auditorium. Donations appreciated.

Would you like to build a friendship with a couple married 25 years or more and learn from them how to make your marriage stronger than ever? See Danny to get involved in our **12 Conversations marriage ministry.**



We will be attending R.U.S.H. at FHU from September 29 to October 1. Cost is \$35 and we will be leaving that Friday at 10:30 am. Please let Luke know ASAP.

**Come and Worship, Go and Serve!** Sunday, October 8, we will meet for Bible study at 9:00 and worship at 10:00, then enjoy lunch together in the new building. Instead of coming back together for worship at 6:00, we will spend the afternoon serving older members and our community. How could we help you, a neighbor, a family member or a friend?

**Congregational Singing Seminar with Brad Carter** November 3-5. How can we offer God

and each other our best when we worship in song? This is for all of us, whether you're a virtuoso or couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Your kids will enjoy it, too. Brad is a faithful Christian and a lot of fun. He teaches music to kids every day in the school at Dadeville, Missouri.



### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, September 17

- AM Opening: Jared Thomas
- AM Closing: Mike Kidwell
- PM Opening: Tim Murray
- PM Closing: Joe McLain

#### Wednesday, September 20

- Opening: Troy Risley
- Closing: Eldon Morgan

RECORDS	09-10-17	09-11-16
Bible Study	127	163
AM Worship	190	186
PM Worship	100	97
Wednesday	N/A	135
Contribution	\$8,993.50	\$6,912.51
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67