

A Mother's solemn promise

I recently read a story of a young mother, wise beyond her years, who takes her little son to his first day of nursery school.

As she lets go of his hand at the edge of the classroom, she kisses him and says, "Goodbye, my love. No one is leaving."

Of course, she is leaving in body, but not in spirit. This young mother wants her boy to know that she will be thinking of him all day, and that she will return to get him at the proper time. Every morning, when she drops her son off at his new school, she says, "Goodbye, my love. No one is leaving."

The years pass, and the boy grows into a man. One day, the mother becomes too old and frail to care for herself. Alzheimer's has begun to steal her memories. Her son places her in the nicest nursing home in town.

Each day, he comes to visit her, and at the end of each visit, the nurses overhear him saying, "Goodbye, my love. No one is leaving."

And for a moment, his mother's eyes brighten, and she remembers.

We know faithfulness when we see it. "Goodbye, my love. No one is leaving."

God is speaking those words to us this day. Regardless of our needs, regardless of our misdeeds, regardless of what you may be going through today, God will never forget us nor forsake us.

The Apostle Paul said there is one thing God cannot do. Does that surprise you? Perhaps you thought God can do everything. Well, just read this:

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself (2 Timothy 13 NIV).

God loves you supremely, and He isn't leaving you.

– Beecher Hunter