## Pastor's Weekly Devotional – August 9th, 2018 "Not Forsaken"

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus has assured us that "He will never leave us nor forsake us" (<u>Hebrews</u> 13:5). Here are other instances of God reassuring us that He is with us:

- "He will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:8).
- "I will not leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5).
- "Blessed be the Lord who has not forsaken His kindness to the living" (Ruth 2:20).
  - "The Lord will not forsake His people" (I <u>Samuel</u> 12:22).
  - "God did not forsake us in our bondage" (Ezra 9:9).
- "I have been young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken" (<u>Psalm</u> 37:25).
  - "We are persecuted but not forsaken" (2 Corinthians 4:8, 9).

Only one person has been utterly forsaken. He cried: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46). It was the Lord Jesus Christ. So because of the grace and mercy of Jesus, our Father in heaven will never forsake us. So don't despair – YOU ARE NOT FORSAKEN.

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin