

"Built for Action; Powered by the Spirit!"

"Holding Us" Core 36

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

John 10:28

A. Our security in Jesus...

1. He pursues us.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:10

"Surely Your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life," Psalm 23:6a

2. He loves us.

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

3. He draws us.

"For no one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them to Me, and at the last day I will raise them up."

John 6:44

4. He invites us.

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' Let anyone who hears this say, 'Come.' Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life."

Revelation 22:17

5. He saves us.

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."

Ephesians 2:8

6. He planned for us.

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10

7. He holds us.

"For I hold you by your right hand— I, the LORD your God."

And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.'" Isaiah 41:13

8. He keeps us.

"Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

9. He prays for and represents us.

"Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us."

Romans 8:34

B. Our response to His pursuit...

1. We choose to respond to His pursuit.

"Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world."

James 4:8

2. We choose to respond to His invitation.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

Revelation 3:20

3. We choose to receive Christ.

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

"But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12

4. We choose to do His will.

"Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether My teaching is from God or is merely My own."

John 7:17

5. We choose to pursue Him.

"If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me."

Jeremiah 29:13

6. We choose to be His disciple.

"Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.'" Mark 8:34

7. We choose to continue believing in our heavenly future.

"So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing."

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

"Jesus replied, 'All who love Me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and We will come and make Our home with each of them.'" John 14:23

"These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world."

1 Peter 1:7

C. Thinking of God's great love for us...

1. For those of you who are secure...don't be careless. Consider the warnings of God!

"I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified."

1 Corinthians 9:27

"Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins."

Hebrews 10:26

"And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life."

2 Peter 2:20-21

"All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before My Father and His angels that they are Mine."

Revelation 3:5

"Not everyone who calls out to Me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter."

Matthew 7:21

"Anyone who does not remain in Me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned."

John 15:6

2. For those of you who are insecure...don't doubt!

Consider the love of God!

"I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to Myself." Jeremiah 31:3b

"For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." Zephaniah 3:17

3. Hold on as He holds on!

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise." Hebrews 10:23

4. Continue in the grace of God.

"But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News." Colossians 1:23a

"Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, 'You are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings.'" John 8:31

"That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me." Colossians 1:29

D. We are safe in the arms of Jesus- He holds us...

"Say this: 'God, You're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!' ...His huge outstretched arms protect you—under them you're perfectly safe; His arms fend off all harm." Psalm 91:2,4 The Message

1. He gave His life for us.

"He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time." 1 Timothy 2:6

2. He is desperately seeking to save those who are lost.

"The Lord isn't really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." 2 Peter 3:9

3. He is not willing to lose any one of us.

"He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns." 1 Corinthians 1:8

4. He loved us that much...and is waiting for us to reach heaven!

"Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault." Jude 1:24

"and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." 1 Peter 1:4