



“Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed,” Psalm 119:116. I came across this verse in Psalm the other week and I struggled to remember if I had heard it before. I have to tell you that I have never read all of Psalm 119, yes, it’s the long one. I remember singing parts of it when I was a choir boy many years ago. Now there is a picture for you, me looking angelic in my blue and white robes. I am sure you are no different from me and to trust someone takes time. It is a precious commodity that we do not give to any person who just appear randomly in our lives. We may trust those we love and know well, but could we put every ounce of our hope in their hands? Would those hands be safe? We know that even our closest confidant can change or fail. Like us, they are human. We need to place our hope in something that is unbreakable, unchanging and unfailing, and only God offers this. From when we are born, we learn things don’t always work out as we expected. Crying for food as a baby may not guarantee food every single time, and crying as an adult to get our own way rarely works much better. Parents and friends can fail us, even in little ways, being unreliable or being careless with their words. We fail ourselves by not reaching targets, failing exams or hurting those we count as friends. Often, we fail God. We sin and bear the weight of

disappointment. We have all discovered that at one time or another even tested methods fail occasionally. They have always been done the same way, yielding good results; and then one day, they just stop working.

How different this is from our God who is unique in His inability to fail. It should go without saying that putting our hope and trust into anything else is a dangerous, foolish decision. In fact it's a sure-fire failure. Just think how many times we will have put our trust in money, our spouse or even church, and sadly many times they have failed. The Psalms are full of words of trust in the living God, reminding us why hope is available and how futile a life is without it. Many people have faced times of hopelessness, when their life has been battered against the harsh and bitter shores of life. They are looking desperately for a glimmer of hope to get them through another day. In times like this, the unfailing love of God offers a safe harbor. Over the years as I have followed Jesus, I have come to know that His love is permanent, it never fades or gets dimmer with time.



God's love for you and me will never change. First Corinthians 13 reminds us of God's unfailing, unbreakable love. It is the foundation of our lives, the foundation of our faith and our hope. At least it should be! I give thanks every day that I serve an unchanging God and I can always trust him. So put your trust in the One who is trustworthy, the one who is there for us no matter what and when others run away our God stands with us. He is unlovable. That's how deep His love is for His children. Join me in praying this simple prayer to our loving, dependable Heavenly Father.

Dear God, thank you for never failing me. You are the only one I can completely trust in. Thank you for being faithful to me, and showing me how to be faithful to You. Amen.