

**A TORRENT OF TEARS.** Fearfulness, loneliness and despair suffocating a soul. A dusty letter on the shelf. A dazzle of sunlight beamed through the window and illuminated the letter, calling attention to its presence. The letter was opened . . .

My Child,

I love thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. I chose you before the foundations of the world. I have not given you the spirit of fear. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Nothing and no one can take My love away from you. Through financial failure, pain, disease, or the fleeing of family or friends, I will never leave you, or forsake you. My compassion never fails. Yea, though you walk through the valley of the struggles of life or the shadow of death, I am with you.

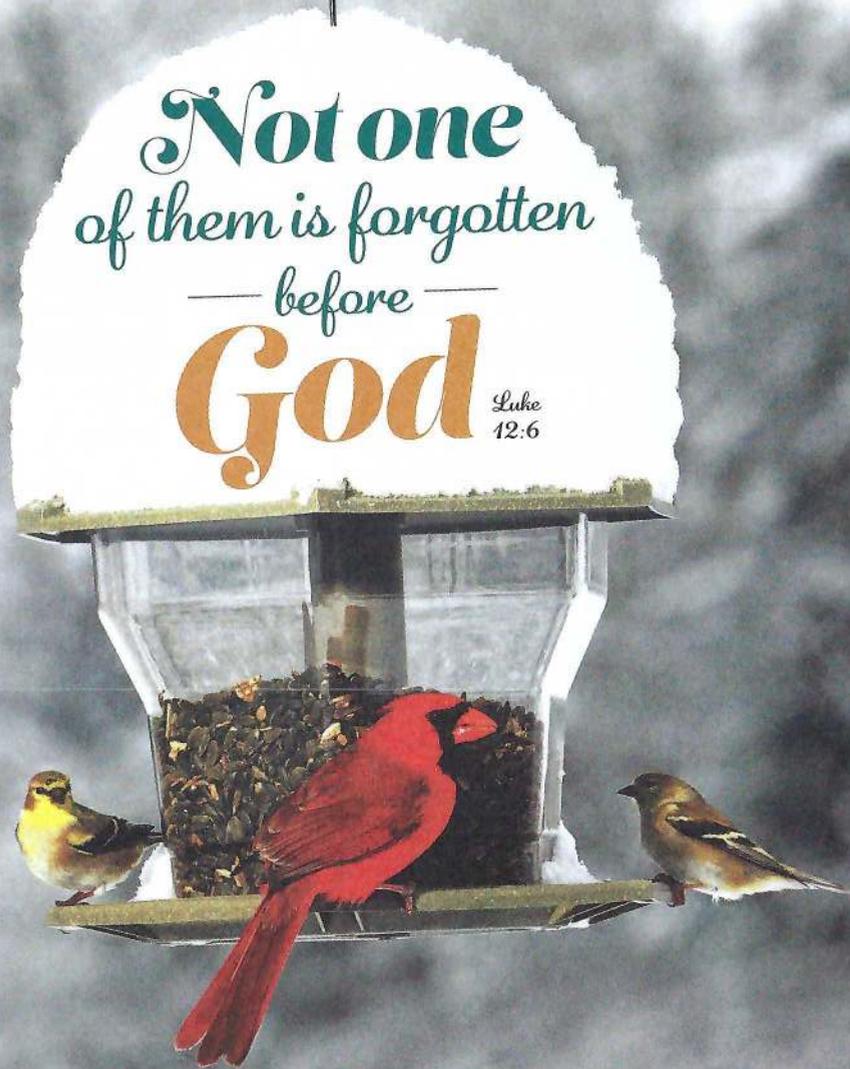
I delight in mercy. I have cast your sins in the depths of the sea. My plans are to give you a future and a hope. Those that trust in Me shall not be desolate. I know everything about you. I know what you need before you ask. I have an abundance of good gifts and blessings for you. Call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things. Some day I will wipe away your every tear. Let not your heart be troubled. I have given you My peace. Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.

Eternally yours, Abba Father

*Lucinda J. Rollings*

You'll find these promises in Jeremiah 31:3, 29:11, 33:3; 2 Timothy 1:7; Isaiah 41:10; John 10:29, 14:27; Romans 8:38-39; Hebrews 13:5; Lamentations 3:22; Psalm 23:4, 34:22, 139:1-3; Micah 7:18-19; Matthew 6:8, 11:28; James 1:17; Ephesians 1:3-5; Revelation 21:4.

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# Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

February 20, 2022

## Invocation

*Don Mauldin*

## Sing Unto the Lord

#772 When We All Get to Heaven

## Welcome and Announcements

## Recognition of Guests

## Mission Moment

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Ron Marks*

## Worship in Song

Hymn #526 The Solid Rock

## Offertory Prayer

## Offertory

*Shirley Romey*

## Special Music

## Sermon:

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #343 Amazing Grace

*Shine, Shine, Shine!*

# Covenant News

## Covenant Ministries

*Our ministry for February is the Gainesville Community Ministry.*

*Their mission is with God's help, seeks to provide compassionate emergency care for those persons who cannot help themselves. We further seek to provide, through education and support, the kind of assistance that will encourage those who can be helped to end a cycle of poverty and despair. They specifically offer support with food, clothing, medical care, some financial support, and education.*

## We Have Forgotten God

*"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.*

*We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.*

*"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.*

*It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sin, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."*

President Abraham Lincoln (March 30, 1863)