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The Lord doesn't forsake the work of his Hands
(Psalm 138)

Sometimes we feel that God puts on pause what he is doing inside of us. Fear and lack of hope come to us because apparently, He has forgotten that situation in our family, financial needs, health issues, or situations in our personal lives.

The enemy takes advantage of this confusion to bring anxiety to us; however, this is just a misunderstanding of His character. Oftentimes **we find ourselves trapped in a labyrinth of thoughts** that make us believe that God **has somehow forgotten about us**. What He once started in our lives, He kind of put it on pause; and who knows when He will finish it.

According to the Scriptures, we must be very sure that God has not forgotten us. He never will as that is not part of His character. Through Psalm 138, the Lord reminds us that He will work out His plans for our life.

- 1) I will give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods. (vs 1)
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- 2) I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness
(vs 2)
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- 3) As soon as I pray you answer me... Every king in all the
earth will thank you, Lord. For all of them will hear your
words (vss 3, 4)
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- 4) Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but he
keeps his distance from the proud. (vs 6)
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- 5) You will protect me from the anger of my enemies. (vs 7)
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- 6) The Lord will work out his plans for my life. (vs 8)
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Conclusion / Personal reflection

- Look for quality time with the Lord just to show your gratitude; set aside all requests for a moment and keep focusing on giving him thanks as much as you can!
- Are there any idols I need to identify in my life? How can I be a testimony that I worship the Almighty living God?
- Is there any opportunity I can take to expand God's kingdom locally/globally?

Let's keep ourselves humble; let's open any new "present" the Lord has for us to get closer to him. He will fight our battles and will protect us from our enemies. He will fulfill his purposes for us, because His love endures forever—He doesn't forsake the work of his hands.

The Lopez Family



Luis, Vanessa, Caleb (11 y/o), Samantha (7 y/o),
and Nathan (6 y/o).

Luis and Vanessa have been serving in Tanzania since 2017; they currently do Church Planting among the Muslim tribe called Warangi, a tribe still considered "unreached" based on the current status of the gospel among them. The access to the gospel in these areas is very limited or even in some places there

is no access at all. The population of this people group is about 800,000 where at least 95% of them are followers of Allah, with a strong context of animism, which is usually considered as the African Traditional Religion. This is a complex context, that is why they are still in an early stage, “building bridges of reconciliation” with the local religious authorities and the community in general.

We know how important clear communication is when it comes to sharing the Word of God, so Luis and Vanessa are currently learning their 4th language: Kilaangi. Even though they already speak and function well in Swahili (the wider language in East Africa), they found that Kilaangi is way more useful within the Warangi people. Once they finish this new language, they will develop chronological bible lessons so that for the first time ever the people will get to hear God’s word in their own language.

Nine years in Africa sounds like a lot, and it is really a lot; but God is also faithful in all he does. He will fulfill his purposes for the Warangi people so the Scriptures will be fulfilled when it says: For all of them will hear your words (Psalm 138:4).

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