

In Your Hands, Lord

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At some point in life, our loved ones both friends and family, old and young will be out of our reach. Maybe it is your child on their first day of school. Maybe your mother is wiping a tear as you prepare to go off to college. Have you sent off a friend or family member to fight in a war? We worry about them staying safe.

Parents naturally want to protect their children. Do you remember all of the cautions from your parents as you went out with your teenage friends? I myself am guilty of thinking, "No one loves my children as I do and it is my job to take care of them and keep them safe." In reality I can't protect anyone.

My roommate can be in a car accident while on vacation. My baby can die of crib death in the next room. My five year old might be picked on at school. My boyfriend can get hurt playing soccer. My sister's heart can be broken. My grandpa might fall. I simply cannot protect them. It doesn't matter if my loved ones are in the next room or the other side of the world; I cannot keep them from harm.

I have no choice but to turn my family members and friends over to the only one who can protect them, Jesus. He knows where they are when I don't. He knows who they are with and what they are doing at every moment. They are never out of His sight.

God tells us in Isaiah 49:16, *See, I have you engraved on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.*

God is not just talking about me; He is talking about my children, my parents, my friends and my husband too. Have you ever gotten ink or paint on your hands that you couldn't wipe off? You notice it all day. God cannot stop thinking of us. We are engraved on His hands, right next to the nail marks. Think of the times you have had something valuable in your pocket. You kept checking to see that it was still there. Jesus paid for those you love with His blood. They are of great value to Him. Jesus is always checking them.

Spend the time you are tempted to worry about the people you love in thanksgiving that the Great Protector has them not only in His sight but within His reach. As you say good bye whisper, "In Your hands, Lord, in Your hands."



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Scripture References: Psalm 48:13; Song of Solomon 8:6; Isaiah 62:6-7; Jeremiah 17:1; Jeremiah 22:24; Haggai 2:23

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