

## Sermon Notes

## Life Notes

### Never Beyond His Reach #5: Never Forgotten John 15:9-17; Acts 16:25-34

#### Opener:

What is one small act of care—a call, note, meal, visit, or prayer—that someone once offered you at just the right time?

#### Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

1. In John 15:9–17, what words or phrases show the depth of Jesus' love for His disciples?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Abide in my love"? What does that look like in ordinary daily life?
3. In Acts 16:25–34, what stands out to you about Paul and Silas praying and singing at midnight?
4. How does Isaiah 49:13–20 deepen your understanding of God's promise, "I will not forget you"?

#### Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

1. Where in your life are you most tempted to feel forgotten, unseen, or alone?
2. What helps you remain rooted in the love of Jesus when your circumstances feel dark or confusing?
3. Who in your life may need a reminder this week that they are seen, loved, and not forgotten?
4. How can our church family become a stronger witness of Christ's remembering love to lonely, grieving, or hurting people?

#### Daily Bible Readings (May 10-16)

Sun: John 15:9-17	Abide in Love
Mon: Acts 16:25-34	Midnight Mercy
Tues: Isaiah 49:13-20	Never Forgotten
Wed: Romans 5:6-11	Loved While Sinners
Thurs: Psalm 139:1-12	Fully Known
Fri: 1 John 4:7-12	Love From God
Sat: Revelation 21:1-7	Morning Forever

## Upcoming Week



#### Sunday, May 10

##### MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH  
 8am Worship & Communion, WC  
 9:30am Worship, WC  
 9:30am Children's Church, NR  
 11am Contemporary Worship, WC  
 11am Children's Church, NR

#### Monday, May 11

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
 10am Tour of Sunshine Acres (offsite)  
 Bus leaves @ 9:30am  
 12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4

#### Tuesday, May 12

9:30am Women's Ministry Combined Bible Study, C4  
 7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

#### Wednesday, May 13

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
 10am Men's Bible Study, LR  
 12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

#### Thursday, May 14

10am Prayer Group, B7  
 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS  
 4:30pm Dinner @ The Vig in Dana Park (off-site)

#### Friday, May 15

OFFICE CLOSED

#### Saturday, May 16

##### NEW MEMBER COMMISSIONING

8am Men's Bible Study, FS  
 4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel  
 FH = Fellowship Hall  
 C5 = Fireside Room  
 NR = Nursery  
 WC = Worship Center  
 C4 = Community Room

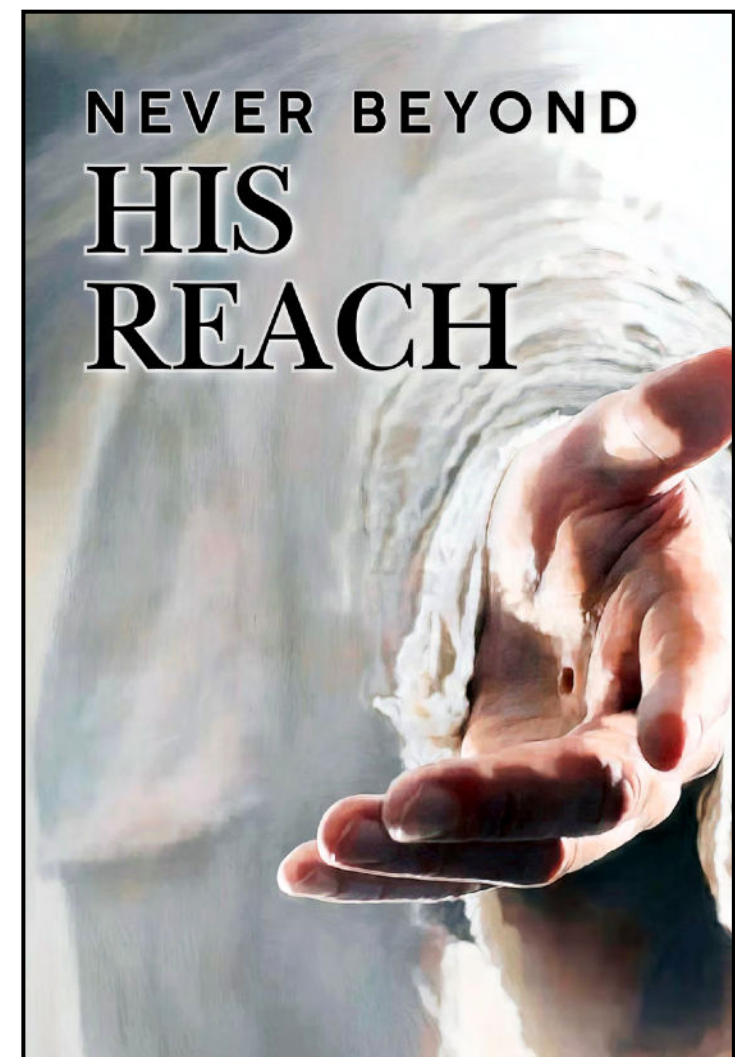
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# NEVER BEYOND HIS REACH



MAY 9 & 10, 2026

## Never Forgotten John 15:9-17



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 Denton Bennet, Associate Pastor  
 Dirk Duhlstine, Chaplain  
 Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music



Connect with us!



## GOD TIME: Never Forgotten

There are few loves in this world as fierce, tender, and enduring as a mother's love for her child. A mother remembers. She carries her child in her heart long after she has carried that child in her arms. She notices what others miss. She worries, prays, forgives, encourages, and keeps loving through seasons of joy, heartbreak, distance, disappointment, and change.

And yet, in **Isaiah 49:15**, God reaches for that image—the strongest picture of human love many of us can imagine—and then says something even more astonishing: **"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"**

That is the voice of the Lord speaking to His people. That is the promise of your Father in heaven. You are not forgotten. Not when life feels heavy. Not when prayers seem unanswered. Not when grief lingers. Not when you wonder if anyone really sees what you are carrying.

On Mother's Day, we give thanks for mothers and for all the women who have loved, nurtured, guided, prayed, and cared for us with Christlike compassion. And we also remember that every beautiful expression of human love points us to a deeper love still: the love of Jesus, who carried us all the way to the cross and holds us forever in His grace.

So take heart today. You are seen. You are known. You are loved. **"See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands..." - Isaiah 49:16.** At Victory, we walk together in that promise: In Christ, we are never forgotten.



## GATHER TIME: Meet Our Staff — Kristin Holton Prouty

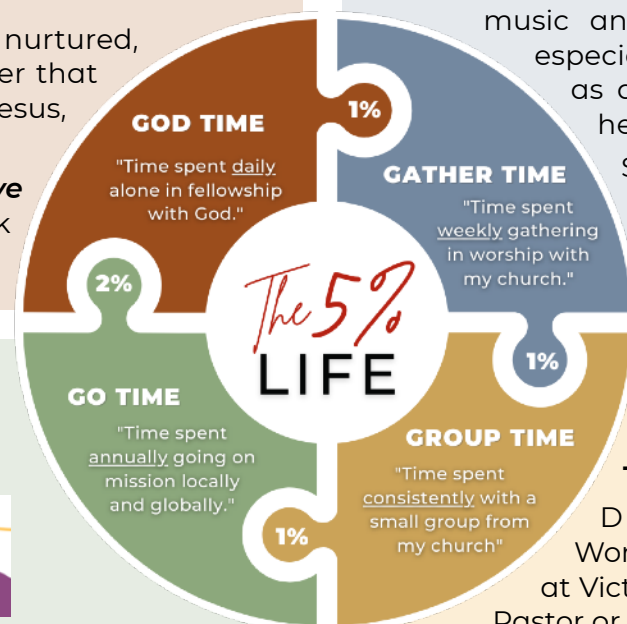
Hi, I'm Kristin, and I serve as Victory's Director of Worship & Music, a role I have been honored to fill since 2013. My responsibilities include collaborating with pastors, planning worship, directing both the choir and bell choir, organizing our concert series, recording weekly *Daily Hope*—known as *Behind the Music*—and playing for worship services.

At the heart of everything I do at Victory is shaping worship into an inviting, scripture-inspired experience. Biblical texts guide the music that is chosen, from hymns and special music to piano and organ selections. Our choir understands their role as worship leaders, and together we strive to proclaim the Gospel through music. Martin Luther once said that music in worship is "a sermon in song," and that continues to be my prayer for all that we offer—that when people leave, they know they have truly worshiped God.

Much of my work also happens behind the scenes: selecting and purchasing music, planning and leading rehearsals, working closely with musicians, soloists, and instrumentalists, and spending time practicing. I attend multiple meetings each week to ensure that everything in my area supports the broader vision and ministry of Victory.

When I'm not at Victory, I'm a busy mom of three! My boys are turning 13 and 11 this month, and my daughter is 7 going on 17! All three are involved in music and enjoy a variety of sports. We love being outdoors—especially when our dog, Spot, can join us. The kids think of Victory as a second home and enjoy being here during the week to help with the Food Pantry or office projects, like shredding.

Serving in this role at Victory is truly a gift, and I am grateful to be part of this vibrant and faithful congregation. Thank you for your support of the music ministry!



## GO TIME: Quarterly Update from Family Promise

Q1 numbers are in, and they tell a powerful story.



### Because of supporters like Victory:

- ▶ 66 families found safe shelter
- ▶ 130 children were given the chance to just be kids
- ▶ 3 dogs and 3 cats stayed with the families who love them

Families stayed an average of 43 days, and 70% successfully graduated, moving forward with stability and support.

These numbers reflect something deeper. Families finding their footing. Children exhaling into normalcy. New beginnings taking shape.

None of this happens without you. Every donation, every volunteer hour, every shared post plays a role in what comes next.

*\$34.79 is the estimated value of one volunteer hour. But for a family facing homelessness, its impact goes far beyond any dollar amount.*

*Volunteers are the heartbeat of our work. They share meals with families, sit with them during difficult moments, and help children with homework. They show up consistently, offering presence, care, and connection that cannot be measured.*

*More than tasks, they offer stability and the reminder that no one is walking this journey alone. ~ Family Promise of Greater Phoenix*



## GROUP TIME: Women's Ministry Combined Bible Study

Tuesday, May 12 @ 9:30am

During the summer months (May-September) Women's Ministry meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Victory as a combined group in the courtyard, Room C4. Pastor or Bible Study leader chooses the study.



## Quilters Group — May 19 & 20 @ 8:30am

Quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday of the month thru the month of June, in the Fellowship Hall. On Tuesday, we break for a potluck lunch at noon. Help needed with cutting squares, layering and tying knots. Bring your scissors. Come when you can — leave when you must.

