

A photograph of a vast desert landscape with rolling sand dunes under a clear, light blue sky. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches across the upper half of the image. The text "WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN FORSAKEN" is centered in the middle of the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN
FORSAKEN**

2 Timothy 4:16-18 At my first answer no man stood with me, **but all men forsook me**: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.¹⁷ Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸ And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever.

2 Timothy 1:15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be **turned away from me**; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas **hath forsaken me**, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

I. RESPOND TO THEM. [I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.]

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, **Love** your enemies, **bless** them that curse you, **do good** to them that hate you, and **pray** for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

II. RECLINE ON HIM. [Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.]

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

Psalm 73:25-26 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

III. RETURN TO THE WORK [¹⁸ And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom]

John 6:66-68 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. ⁶⁷ Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? ⁶⁸ Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, **to whom shall we go?** thou hast the words of eternal life.

Job 19:13-17 He hath put my **brethren** far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. ¹⁴ My **kinsfolk** have failed, and my familiar **friends** have forgotten me. ¹⁵ They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. ¹⁶ I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him with my mouth. ¹⁷ My breath is strange to **my wife**, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body. ¹⁸ Yea, **young children** despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. ¹⁹ All my inward **friends** abhorred me: and they **whom I loved** are turned against me.....

Job 42:12 So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning

Jeremiah 20:7-9 O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, **every one mocketh me.** ⁸ For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. ⁹ Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, **and I could not stay.**

Ezekiel 24:16-18 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. ¹⁷ Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men. ¹⁸ So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; **and I did in the morning as I was commanded.**

Return to the assembly.

Return to prayer.

Return to the Scriptures.

Return to witnessing.

Return to Godly living.

Return to giving.

Return to serving.

Return to influencing your children & grandchildren.

Return to considering others.

Return to the work.

Return to praising Him.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.