

April 22 | Sunday

Commitment - I Got Your Back

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)



23 | Mon – Back to back | Read [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)

If two soldiers were outnumbered by the enemy in hand-to-hand combat, they were better protected when they stood back to back. There are times in life when we all fight battles. Everyone has them. You get tired and feel like you are not going to make it. That is when you need someone who loves you and is committed to your well-being. Is there a person in your life who has your back? Maybe more than one? Have you thanked them recently?

24 | Tue – Families who do | Read [Genesis 12:4-5; 13:5-12; 14:11-16](#) and [Luke 15:11-24](#)

Sometimes you go and rescue them from a dangerous situation. Sometimes you wait and pray for their return. Either way you do not turn your back on family. Read these two stories, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, to see what you can learn about yourself and others. Were you the one who left or the one who was left behind?

25 | Wed – Families who don't | Read [Genesis 37:12-36](#)

Not all families do but some family members will turn their backs on each other. In this story, the older and more 'mature' brothers were so disgusted with their little brother's immaturity that anger grew into outright hatred and resulted in a terrible act which ripped the family apart. If this reminds you of something that has happened to you or someone you know, do you believe God can turn those impossible situations into something good? Check out the end of the story in [Genesis 50:15-21](#) and then trust God with yours.

26 | Thu – Another family who will | Read [Acts 4:32-35](#) and [9:23-30](#)

What if you don't have a family who has your back? The early church was filled many whose families had rejected them when they began to follow Jesus' way...women, men, old, young, rich, poor, single, married, educated, illiterate...this diverse group became their new family. When persecution came, see how that community of believers had each other's back; it speaks to us today as the church. How would you compare then to now? What could you personally do to help move your faith community toward being more committed to each other like those early believers were?

27 | Fri – The only one left | Read [1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

Elijah had reached the end, desolate, ready to give up. There was a warrant for his arrest which he knew carried a death sentence, and all because he obeyed what God had told him to do. No one had his back; all the faithful were dead. It is interesting that the Lord listened to him and then gave him instructions to move ahead before revealing that Elijah was *not* the only one left. Do you feel like the only one who cares? Let God show you his viewpoint.

28 | Sat – Utterly trustworthy | Read [Luke 12:23-28](#) and [Romans 8:31-39](#)

There are times when we feel utter alone and searching for support from others proves fruitless. Do you think God allows these times so we can experience the truth of these verses? What Elijah and others in scripture found was the reality of a God who *always* had their back, even if it seemed like He was not even listening. When this truth is embedded in your soul so deeply it cannot be dislodged, you have something very precious. It will be the bedrock that keeps you from crashing, when life around you does. Ask God to make this real to you.