

# NEVER FORSAKEN



PSALM 71

NOT THEN | NOT NOW | NOT EVER



# THE AUTHOR OF PSALM 71

We don't know who wrote this psalm, though there's good reason to assume it was King David.

Four things we do know for sure about the author:

1. He's old.
2. He's weak & frail.
3. He's being hunted, threatened, & harassed.
4. He's overflowing with faith, joy, & purpose.

# MAIN POINT OF PSALM 71

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**God is faithful to the old and weak.  
He will never abandon those who  
trust in him.**

**1. Keep Trusting.** In your present crisis, remember how God has cared for you in years past, and continue trusting *everything* to him. (1-13)

- Cry out to God for help.
- Believe God's power to save.
- Recall God's faithfulness in your life.
- Never stop praising God—even when life hurts.

**2. Keep Testifying.** In your old age, raise up those coming after you to trust *everything* to God, and let your proven trust give way to endless praise. (14-24)

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- **Get busy in the lives of the next generation.**



**“Whatever situations we find ourselves in as we age, there are nuggets of gold in our past that we can pass on to others. God never wastes a trial, a grief, or a wilderness wandering. We flourish when we give to others the lessons God has taught us.”**

Carol Arnold, *Aging with Grace*

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**"Your tone deaf singing praise to Jesus is infinitely more beautiful than your silence. Singing isn't for singers. It's for believers!"**

**Mike Harland**



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- Brag about your God.
- Get busy in the lives of the next generation.
- Sing loudly of God's faithfulness & redemption.
- Set your hope on future glory.

**But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.**

Philippians 1:24-26



# APPLYING PSALM 71

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You who are older should be looking out for younger people and saying in effect, 'Watch me.' **'Come—I'll show you how to have family devotions. Come—I'll show you how to do Bible study. Come on—let me take you through some of the fundamentals of the faith. Come—I'll show you how to pray. Let me show you how to be a Christian husband and father, or wife and mother.'** At a certain point, that older mentor should be saying other things, such as: 'Let me show you how to die. Watch me.'

D. A. Carson