

"HOLDING ON"

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*"Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4*

COVID-19 has taken a toll on everyone and left many feeling fearful, hopeless and weary. However, we can take heart in knowing that our God goes before us! He is with us and ahead of us no matter the uncertainties we encounter.

*"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest
in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He
is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2*

Trials bear true faith. And so if our faith is put to the test, may it be that our faith is proven genuine. As we move into the "new normal", let us not lose hope, faith or confidence, but continue to *hold on* to God. The day will come when we will rejoice and stand before Him, with praise.

The song "Holding On" was written based on Psalm 23 and Psalm 91.

A MELODY THAT I COULDN'T GET RID OF

As the pandemic grew and I became more aware of its impacts, I felt a calling to write a song to encourage everyone during this trying time. While I was doing quiet time and having my own worship session in my room, the tune of the chorus came to me. I knew that it meant something, but I was not sure what it was. Days passed by and the prompting in my head to revisit this melody kept surfacing, but this time with an image of my friend, Andrew.

I texted him the very next morning, and told him about my "crazy" idea

of writing a song that serves to remind our Christian community to *hold on* and place our trust in God in the midst of this pandemic. His reply, a few minutes later, "Man, awesome!" Enthusiastically, Darryl and Zach, individuals whom I have served alongside in the worship ministry, later joined in this idea, and we met for our first tune-in at the Queenstown Lutheran Church. That was how we got started with "Holding On".



GOD IS GOOD

Brainstorming for lyrics did not start easily, but God spoke to us and planted two scriptures - Psalm 23 and 91. From then on, our lyrics flowed. We received help from Chris, who was a sound engineer by trade, and amazingly, we went straight to recording about a week later and the song unfolded itself.

We really wanted to portray this song as a "message of hope" to all Christians and the world, that we have a God who is greater than our trials. Even though things may seem bleak and hopeless, we rejoice in the fact that we can find peace in God as we hold on to His promise and His word.

This journey of song writing has truly been immensely God-sent, and we wouldn't have responded in any other way but to praise Him in this storm. Let us hold steadfast to Him, whenever our faith is put to test, not just during this time of COVID-19, but also when we meet trials at other times in our life.



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