

## How Firm a Foundation

### Verse 3

“When thro’ fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

### Verse 4

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho’ all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

about this hymn:

Words: John Rippon’s Selection of Hymns Music: Joseph Funk’s Genuine Church Music

Long ago, a man named John Rippon was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called “How Firm a Foundation” We’re going to learn two verses from it.

God’s people know all God has an unbreakable plan to use all things in their lives for their good. He has planned that even their “fiery trials”—the hardest things that happen to them—that God will use them all to make them like Jesus. They do not have to like the fiery trials, but they can praise God for how He will use them for their good and His glory.

**How Firm a Foundation, v.3**

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**Fiery, Flame, Consume**  
 With palms facing in, wiggle fingers of both slightly curved open hands as you alternate moving the hands up and down several times. (Simulates flames of a fire)



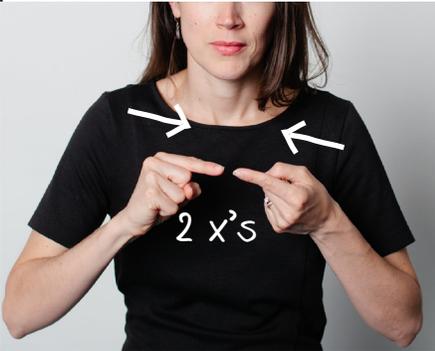
**Pathways**  
 Flat hands, palms facing each other, move forward and progressively closer.



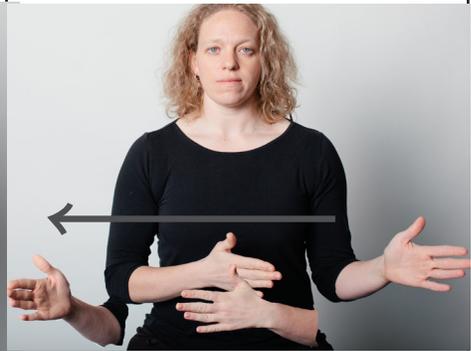
**Grace**  
 Touch lips with fingertips of both flat hands, then move hands forward until palms are facing upward.



**Supply**  
 Both modified "Z" hands are held at chest, then brought down and forward, as if giving something to someone.



**Hurt**  
 Index fingers are thrust towards each other several times until almost touching.



**Design**  
 Both hands, palms facing each other, point left, then are brought across body and point right.



**Dross**  
 Right hand, palm facing down, is placed under chin, fingers pointing left. Wiggle fingers a few times.



**Gold**  
 Right hand (middle finger) touches right ear, then is brought down to face front, wiggling fingers at the same time.



**Refine**  
 Pinky side of right "S" hand rests on top of thumb side of left "S" hand, palms facing in. Hands are pivoted in opposite directions several times, striking each other gently after each twist. Palm of downturned right hand slides down upturned left flat hand from wrist to fingertips.

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**Soul**

Touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.



**Jesus**

Middle, bent finger of right "5" hand touches middle of left open palm, palms facing each other. Then middle, bent finger of left "5" hand touches middle of right open palm, palms facing each other.



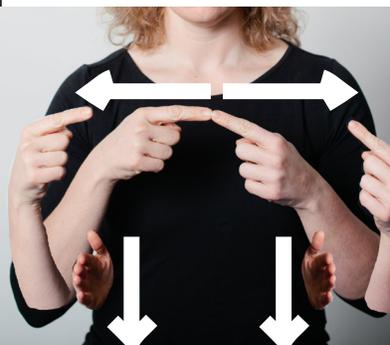
**Leaned**

Right index finger is crossed over the top of the left index finger, palms facing down. Both hands are moved down a short distance.



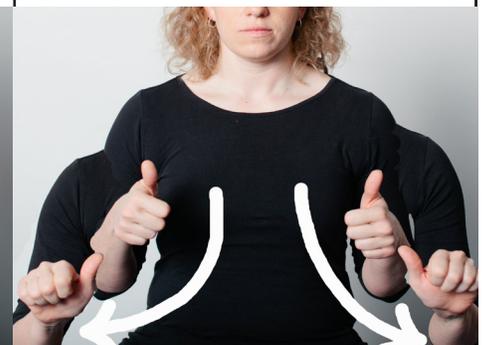
**Not**

Thumb and index fingers of downturned right "5" hand are placed on sides of downturned "5" hand. The right hand pivots back and forth while keeping light contact with left hand.



**Foes**

Index fingers point and touch in front of chest, palms facing body, then are pulled sharply out to each side. Then make flat hands, palms facing each other and move them down simultaneously.



**Endeavor**

"A" hands, thumbs pointing up and palms towards body, are swung around and slightly down as if trying to move something out of the way.



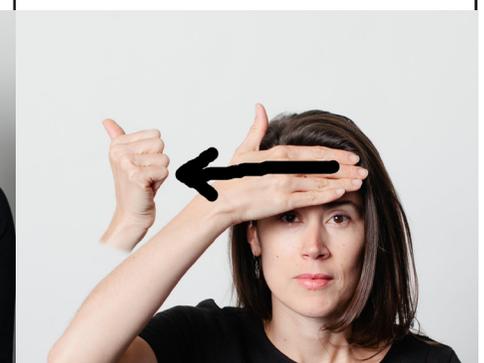
**Shake**

Hold open hands in front of body, palms facing each other. Both hands are moved in and out, while wiggling fingers back and forth at the same time.



**Never**

Open, right hand, palm facing forward and fingers together, makes a short semi-circle out to the right, then moves straight down, similar to the shape of a question mark.



**Forsake**

Right open hand, palm on head and fingers pointed left, is wiped across forehead from left to right. End with right "A" hand near right temple.

## For a Little While

For a little while you may have suffered,  
Grief in all kinds of trials.  
These have come that your faith,  
May be proved genuine, be proved genuine.

### **Refrain:**

Faith! Faith!  
Which is of greater worth than gold,  
Which perishes though refined by fire.  
Faith! Faith!  
Which is of greater worth than gold,  
Which perishes though refined by fire.

For a little while you may have had suffered,  
Grief in all kinds of trials.  
These have come that your faith,  
May result in praise, glory and honor. *Refrain*

about this Bible verse:

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God's people suffer, but only according to God's perfectly wise and good plan. He will only use their sufferings for His glory and their good. What kind of good? He will use their sufferings to grow their faith in Him, making it stronger, truer, and deeper. That's what this verse calls proving faith genuine. What other kind of glory? God has planned for all their sufferings to result in praise, glory and honor. That's because God is the one who perfectly planned their sufferings and gave them the strength to endure them. We may think gold and riches are worth a lot in this world--and they are because we can get many things with them. But, how God's people will thank God and praise Him for all the great things He did through their sufferings! For through them, God will give them something worth far more than all the gold in the world could get them.

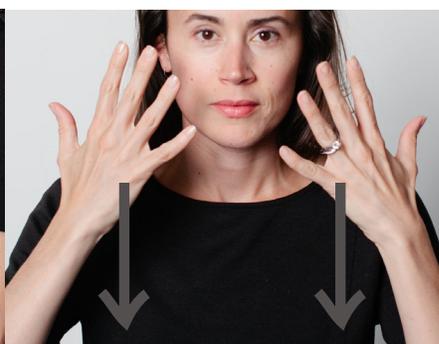
For a Little While: 1 Peter 1:6-7, NIV 1984

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**Little While**

Side of right index finger moves along side of left index finger of left "H" hand, palm facing right.



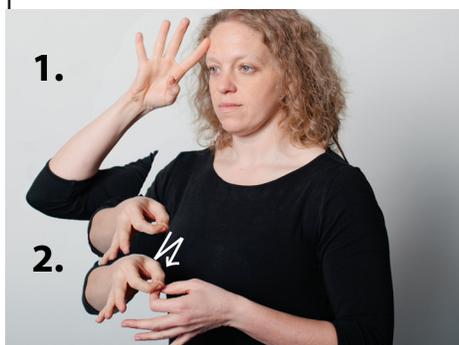
**Grief**

"5" hands, slightly curved are held in front of the face then simultaneously moved down until the fingertips are level with the mouth, as mouth makes a sad expression.



**Trials**

Thumb of right "A" hand is pivoted back and forth on chin.



**Faith**

Right index finger touches forehead. Then, right "F" hand, palm facing in, hits left "F" hand, palm facing in, in a down-up-down motion, ending with right thumb-index finger resting on left thumb-index finger.



**Genuine**

Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.



**Gold**

Right hand (middle finger) touches right ear, then is brought down to face front, wiggling fingers at the same time.



**Refined**

Pinky side of right "S" hand rests on top of thumb side of left "S" hand, palms facing in. Hands are pivoted in opposite directions several times, striking each other gently after each twist. Palm of downturned right hand slides down upturned left flat hand from wrist to fingertips.



**Praise**

Clap the right hand on top of the left hand several times.



**Honor**

Both "H" hands start out from the body with palms facing each other and left hand in front of right hand. Both hands simultaneously make an upward arc and finish in same position but directly in front of the body.

## Who Shall Separate Us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble? No! Shall Hardship? No!

Persecution, famine, nakedness? No!

Danger or sword? No!

In all these things we are conquerors

Through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,

Nor anything else in all creation,

Will be able to separate us

From God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans Eight, thirty-five, eight and nine.

about this Bible verse:

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God will always love His people and be with His people. Yes, there may be some very difficult things that they face. But even the most difficult things in this life...even death itself...will NEVER separate God's people from their loving Father in heaven. He bought them through the death of His only and only Son, Jesus. They are His dear people. He sets limits on what difficulties they will have to go through here on earth. He makes sure to give them everything they need to endure them. And one day, they will leave this world and go to live with Him, face-to-face. Never, ever will anything keep them from His very presence for all of eternity.

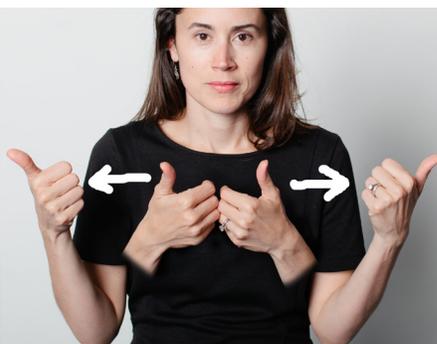
**Who Shall Separate Us?: Romans 8:35,37-39**

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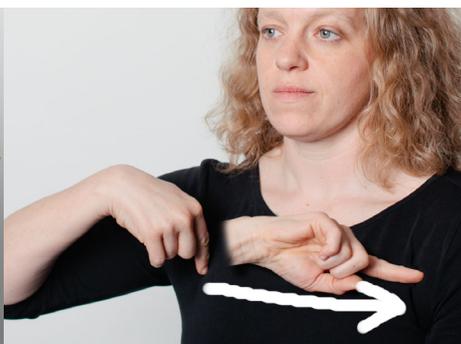


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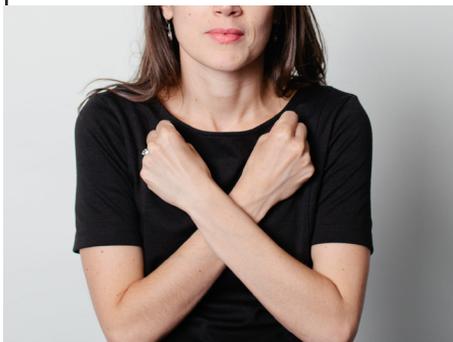
**Who**  
Right thumb touches chin. Right index finger is wiggled up and down rapidly several times while lips form "Who."



**Separate**  
Both "A" hands touch in front of body at the knuckles, then are thrust apart.



**Us, We**  
Right index finger touches right shoulder, then moves left touch left shoulder.



**Love, Loved**  
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.



**Christ**  
Right "C" hand is placed at right shoulder then moved down across chest, ending at right hip.



**Tribulation, Distress**  
"5" hands, palms facing inward and middle fingers bend forward, alternate moving towards and away from chest several times.



**Famine**  
Fingertips of right "C" hand, palm facing body, is placed on upper mid chest and moved down a short distance.



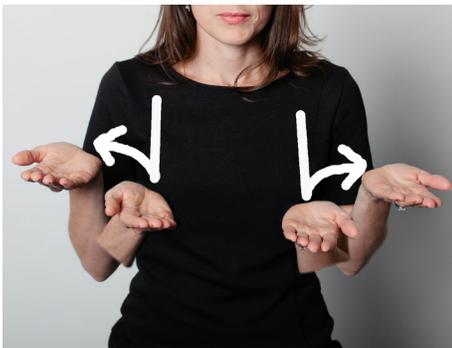
**Danger**  
Left closed hand is held in front of body, knuckles facing right. Back of right "A" thumb is moved over the back of the left hand and up.



**No**  
Index and middle finger of right "N" hand are held above extended right thumb, forming an "O".

**Who Shall Separate Us?: Romans 8:35,37-39, continued**

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**Things**

Both flat hands, palms facing up, are lowered in front of chest, then moved slightly out to each side.



**Conquerors**

Right "S" hand is placed across left "S" hand then brought over and down a bit.



**Death**

Hold both flat hands in front of body with fingertips pointing forward, right flat hand palm up and left flat hand palm down. Flip both over towards the left until the right palm is face down and the left palm is face up.



**Life**

Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.



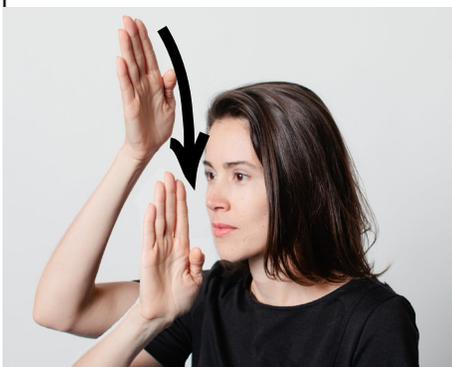
**All**

Left flat hand rests on back of right flat hand. Right flat hand is then brought up and around left hand and pivots so that back of right hand rests in left palm.



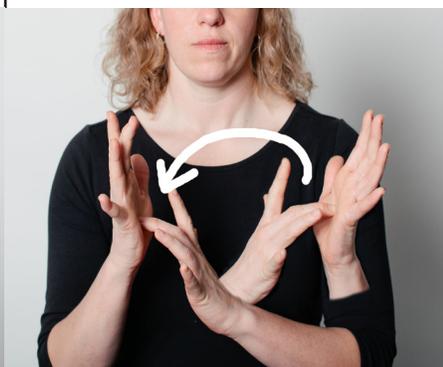
**Creation**

Both "5" hands, palms side down, are held in front of the body then spread outward and slightly up.



**God**

Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a "B" hand at the upper chest level.



**Jesus**

Middle, bent finger of right "5" hand touches middle of left open palm, palms facing each other. Then middle, bent finger of left "5" hand touches middle of right open palm, palms facing each other.



**Lord**

Both "X" hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.



**For a Little While**

G C D G

For a lit - tle while you may have suf fered grief in all kinds of trials. These have come that your

6 D G C G

faith may be proved gen-u-ine, be proved gen-u - ine. Faith! Faith!which is of great-er worth than gold which

11 C D G G C D G D

per-ish-es though re-fined by fire. Faith! Faith!which is of great-er worth than gold which per-ish-es though re-

16 C G C D

fined by fire. For a lit - tle while you may have suf fered grief in all kinds of trials.

21 G D G G

These have come that your faith may re-sult in praise, glo - ry and hon - or. Faith! Faith!which is of

26 C G C D G

great-er worth than gold which per - ish - es though re - fined by fire.. Faith! Faith! which is of

30 C G D

great - er worth than gold which per - ish - es, though re -

32 C G D G D G

fined by fire. First Pet - er One, six through se - ven.

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**Who Shall Separate Us?**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of seven staves of music, each with a line number at the beginning. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Who shall se - par - ate us from the love of Christ? (no one!) Who shall se - par -

6 ate us from the love of Christ? (no one!) Shall trou - ble? No! Shall hard - ship? No!

12 Per-se-cu-tion, fa- mine, na-ked-ness No! Dan - ger or sword? No! In all these

18 things we are more than con-quer-ors, thru Him who loved us. For I am con -

23 vinced that nei - ther death nor life, nor a - ny-thing else in all cre - a - tion will be a - ble to

28 se - pa - rate us from God's love in Christ Je - sus our

31 Lord. Ro - mans Eight, thir - ty - five, eight and nine.

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