

How Long Will You Run

Hope is finding solace in the midst of chaos and trusting in the promise of a new dawn.

Thoughts behind the song

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There is a question that heaven has been asking since Eden:
Why do we run from the One who loves us most?

The world trains people to chase shadows – success, pleasure, entertainment, self-made identity – yet none of it satisfies. The more we run, the emptier we become. And while humanity drifts farther from God, His voice continues to call after every wandering soul: “My child... how long?”

This song exposes that quiet, painful reality. It speaks from God’s perspective – not the harsh voice of a tyrant, but the tender plea of a Father whose children refuse His embrace. It reminds listeners that God does not abandon. He does not withdraw His mercy in haste. He calls, He waits, He longs, and He stands ready to receive the repentant with open arms.

But the message is also urgent. The day is coming when time will close, when the calls of mercy will cease, and every choice will be sealed. This song invites the listener to stop running before that moment arrives. To turn back while the door of mercy is still open. To take hold of the hand that has never stopped reaching.

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Core Scriptures

Isaiah 65:2 – God stretching out His hands all day to a rebellious people.

Jeremiah 31:3 – “I have loved thee with an everlasting love.”

Ezekiel 33:11 – God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked; He calls all to turn and live.

Luke 15:11-24 – The Father running to receive the returning prodigal.

Revelation 3:20 – Christ knocking at the door of the heart.

2 Peter 3:9 – The Lord is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish.

Isaiah 55:6-7 – Seek the Lord while He may be found; forsake wickedness and return to God.

Hosea 11:1-4, 8 – God’s tender-hearted plea to His wandering children.

Song Style & Runtime

A worshipful, reverent, soulful gospel ballad carried by warm male vocals.

Smooth organ pads, gentle electric piano, and soft gospel drums form the foundation, rising into rich, layered harmonies in each chorus. Tone: heartfelt, pleading, restorative – the sound of divine love calling a wandering soul home. Atmosphere: twilight colors, quiet roads, open fields, and the ache of distance closing.

Runtime: 3:35

How Long Will You Run?

Lyrics

[Verse 1]

How long will you run from the voice in the night
Chasing shadows that fade with the morning light
I call your name but you turn away My child
How much longer will you stray in the wild

[Chorus]

How long can your heart keep building this wall
How long till you hear my endless call
The clock keeps ticking the days grow few
How long must I wait here longing for you

[Verse 2]

I gave you the stars I painted the skies
Yet you walk past with blindfolded eyes
My love is a river that never runs dry
But you drink from the wells where your souls go to die

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[Chorus]

How long can your heart keep building this wall
How long till you hear my endless call
The clock keeps ticking the days grow few
How long must I wait here longing for you

[Bridge]

When your knees hit the ground and the tears start to fall
When the weights of the world crush it all
I am still here arms stretched open wide
When you're ready to stop running come to my side

[Chorus]

How long can your heart keep building this wall
How long till you hear my endless call

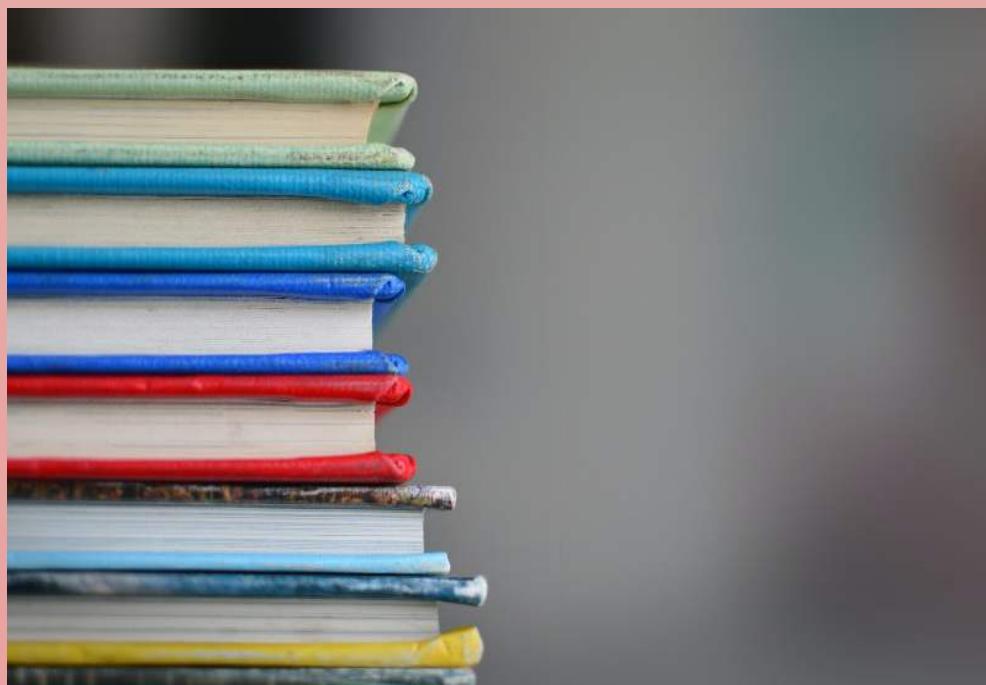
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Reflection

This song exposes the tragedy of spiritual wandering – not from the sinner's point of view, but from God's. It reminds us that God is not indifferent. He is not distant. He is not waiting to condemn. His heart aches when His children run from Him, and every moment of a person's life is filled with His invitation to return.

The wall that people build around their hearts – pride, distraction, pleasure, self-reliance – cannot protect them from the emptiness of life without God. And as time draws to a close and probation nears its end, every wandering soul must face the truth: God's call is persistent, but not endless. Mercy will not plead forever.

This song gently but firmly urges the listener to stop running, to surrender, and to come home while the door of grace still stands open.



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Final Encouragement

If you have been wandering, stop. If you hear His voice tugging at your heart, don't turn away. The Father's arms are still open – but the day of mercy will not stretch on without end.

Seek the Lord while He may be found.
Lay down the walls you've been
building. Let the love that never gave
up draw you back into the safety of
His presence.

The God who calls you is patient, but
He is also holy.
He invites you now – in this moment
– to return, to yield, to trust, and to
walk with Him into life everlasting.



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Full Scripture Texts (KJV)

Isaiah 65:2

“I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people...”

Jeremiah 31:3

“...yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”

Ezekiel 33:11

“As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live...”

Luke 15:20

“...when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him... and ran... and kissed him.”

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock...”

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is... longsuffering... not willing that any should perish...”

Isaiah 55:6-7

“Seek ye the Lord while he may be found... Let the wicked forsake his way... and he will have mercy...”

Hosea 11:8

“How shall I give thee up...? mine heart is turned within me...”

