



# Standing on the Promises

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*



As a new year extends its length before us, brimming with possibility, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and his everlasting promises. My prayer for our Pepperdine community is that we will stand secure in the knowledge that God has a plan for us.

In 1886 Russell Carter wrote a hymn titled *Standing on the Promises*. Its last refrain reads:

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.*

As we enter this New Year with confidence that God has promised to prosper us, I can't help but think of Norvel Young's insightful words: "The future is as bright as the promises of God!"

To see a great YouTube video of Alan Jackson singing *Standing on the Promises*, go to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1tH6h2v\\_0c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1tH6h2v_0c).

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