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Years ago, I came across the last verse of Psalm 138, the Psalm from today's reading, and latched onto it. In essence, it says the Lord will finish what He starts in me. This verse is one I have clung to through a variety of upheavals: surviving grad school, the challenges of job hunting, and moving away from my family to a new job here at King's. In more recent years it has helped me through personal struggles, church challenges, and the events of last year.

Why has this verse been such a touchstone for me? There are four things that have resonated with me over the years, taking on new meaning with each new challenge. First, it reminds me that things aren't over yet. There is still time and room for growth, for development, for forward movement. Second, it's a reminder that I don't have to handle things alone. God will complete what He's started. He is working in my life and I can rest in Him. Third, the verse reminds me of God's kindness and everlasting love that endures forever. I can't use it up, outrun it, or lose it. No matter what I'm facing, His love is my constant. And finally, it's a reminder that I can cry out to God and seek Him. The Psalmist prays "forsake not the work of Your hands." There are times I struggle to see God working in the middle of my circumstances. In those times He wants me to reach out to Him, to seek His face in prayer and in His word. It's okay to feel lost because He's got me and won't let go.

As we look forward to the joyous Easter celebration, may you remember God's not done yet, and His great love will not forsake you.