



Message Reflections

December 13, 2020

Read Isaiah 40 three times in one sitting.

God's people were worn down and weary from their time of waiting in exile. Waiting often makes us weary, but waiting does not mean doing nothing. Waiting for the Lord through our struggles means saying, "I am totally convinced that God is at work in this awful situation even though I cannot see it at the moment."

God offers comfort to His people in the words of Isaiah 40. To a people whose faith had come to a breaking point, Isaiah points them back to God. His words speak to everyone struggling to make sense of what is happening in their lives.

- Have you ever despaired in a similar way to v. 27? In what ways could vv. 28-31 bring you comfort in such times?
- What does it look like for you to "wait for the Lord" (Is 40:31)? In what circumstances is it difficult for you to wait for the Lord? Why?

"GOD doesn't come and go. God *lasts*.
He's Creator of all you can see or imagine.
He doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch his breath.
And he knows *everything*, inside and out.
He energizes those who get tired...
But those who wait upon GOD get fresh strength.
They spread their wings and soar like eagles,
They run and don't get tired,
they walk and don't lag behind."
Isaiah 40:28-31 MSG

Be honest with God and yourself about the ways in which you need His comfort and strength today. Find a friend who will pray for you or email your prayer request to prayer@remembrancechurch.org.