

Fainting Hearts & Weary Souls

Isaiah 40:21-31

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Being out of place...

Going to Target looking for black pants for my little girl and being asked if I need help.

Everyone has a set list of values in which they base their decisions off of.

- For some it's "gain." What can I gain from this?
- For some it's acceptance. How will this influence what people think of me?
- For some it's fun. If it's boring I'm out.
- For others it's hate. You are fueled by bitterness and anger to push your way through life and no one is going to tell you what to do.
- For some... though it would seem that the list is fairly short, for the road is narrow that leads to everlasting life, it is the heart and mind of Christ. (You have tasted and seen that the Lord *IS* good and He does have your best interest in mind.

Isaiah 40:21-31

- God's Sovereignty
- Our Frailty
- His Consistency
- Our Dependency

God's Authority 21-26

For a minute, I want you to put away any thoughts as to whether you are a good person or bad, whether you think God loves you or hates you, whether you are following Him or not... I want you to ask yourself, do I even know Him?

Ever try and help a little kid that doesn't know you? Disneyland ***stranger danger***.

God issues His own challenge... who can you compare me to?

- From the stars in the sky to the very hairs on your head or freckles on your face, not one is missing.
- God is the one who formed you in your mother's womb, skillfully, fearfully made.

He knows you but do you know Him?

Daniel 4:35 & 37 All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

God has the final say...

Proverbs 19:21 There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.

1 Timothy 6:15-16 which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Our text in **Isaiah 40:21-26**

- Since the foundations of the earth (21)(not new)
- Princes nothing, judges useless (23)

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

It will take God less effort to cast the devil into the lake of fire than it does for you to take out the kitchen trash.

Our Frailty 27

The way a running-back or receiver hangs on to a football as they run down the field. Hoping eyes set on the endzone but determined to hang on to the ball.

Prov. 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life.

- Despair/Sorrow
- Hopelessness
- Attraction vs. Reaction
- Ambition
- Anger
- Betrayal
- Confusion
- Doubt

Robert Robinson

"Come Thou Fount"

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

There are times when it feels like we are losing our grip... that's ok, rest in the Lord. As much as our grip may grow weak at times, His does not. We are to run to God, but even more importantly we are to rest in the love and power of our Father in heaven.

Discouragement & Defeat (more in what God is doing)

Life can feel a bit like a **rubix cube** sometimes.

1. *My way is hidden from the Lord* (Doesn't notice me)
2. *My just claim is passed over by my God* (Doesn't care about me)

Job

Daniel

David (pre-king, spears and being hunted)

Peter – you're going to die for him

Moses, the burning bush, and the enslaved Israelites

Turn the telescope around

His Consistency 28-30

1. Neither faints nor is weary... **POWER**
2. His understanding is unsearchable. **KNOWLEDGE** (To discover through study)

It will always take faith, the more you know about God the greater your faith will be in Him but it will always take faith.

"We'll never know everything that God is going to do but we can know some of what God is wanting and willing to do."

- Gives power to the weak (Physical strength or power)

- Increases strength to those who have no might. (Internal fortitude, what drives us to keep going)

Our Dependency 31

Commercial... good enough is not good enough.

I'm not asking you to like Jesus, not to agree with Jesus, but I'm asking: have you decided to follow Jesus?

Numb limb...

**Those who...* means not everyone does.

Wait: to linger patiently

Wait on the Lord? WHY?

He will renew your strength

Means two things...

1. It's normal to run out of strength
2. You don't have to run on empty all the time.
*You will not only make it through, you rise above.
You will soar over the insanity*

What's the trick to having a steadfast heart... an immovable mind?

*Your value system cannot be gain, acceptance, entertainment or anger... it must be Jesus!
You must have an eternal perspective.*

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Isaiah 26:3 You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on You*, because he trusts in You.

Stayed: Lean, rest, lean against, braced by

Trusts: to have bold confidence, to be secure or safe.

Keep him: guard, watch over you...

In perfect peace: completeness, safety, contentment. Steadfastness... lack of turmoil.

(Peace be still)

Hebrews 6:19 This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...

Turn the telescope around – Magnify the Lord

1. Our Understanding of Who King Jesus is would be Biblically accurate and not minimized in any way
2. We would be ok with His timing... we would learn or continue to "wait" on the Lord.