

Saturday

Please read Isaiah 40. As you take in the whole passage today, what personal insights do you have?

How has this passage impacted your faith?

Please pray for this weekend's services. Pray that in all we do we will honor God and point people to Him. Pray that people who attended our Christmas concerts and services will return.



Reenergize My Faith

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How do I reenergize my faith?

1. _____
"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins." *Isaiah 40:1-2 (NIV) (See also Isaiah 61:7)*
2. _____
 - **My perspective on** _____
A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." *Isaiah 40:6-8*
 - **My perspective on** _____
"To whom, then, will you compare God?" *Isaiah 40:18*
"Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in." *Isaiah 40:21-22*
3. _____
"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." *Isaiah 40:30-31*

Personal Insights:

Daily Meditations

Monday

Write down two things you learned about this passage from the sermon last weekend.

1.

2.

In what way do you feel like your faith needs to be reenergized?

Please read Psalm 84. How does this passage encourage your faith?

Thank God today that He is the one Who sustains you. Thank Him for the gift of faith. Talk to God about the ways you are struggling with your faith. Pray for encouragement and hope this week.

Tuesday

Please read Isaiah 40:1–2 & 61:7. What type of words does Isaiah use to describe God's heart for His people?

How does it encourage you to know that God's heart for you is described with words like "comfort" and "tender"?

In what way are you struggling with guilt? Read Romans 3:21–24. What do these verses teach about your standing with God?

How can you apply this truth to your struggle with guilt?

Thank God today for His amazing grace and mercy. Thank Him for His heart towards you. Pray that your actions will reflect the truth of God's comfort and tenderness towards you. Pray that you will grow in your trust of God's heart.

Wednesday

Please read Isaiah 40:6–8. How would you define your perspective on life?

What do these verses tell you about what you can count on?

How could this perspective impact your priorities?

Thank God today that His word stands forever. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the Bible. Pray that you will grow to have His perspective on life — that though it is fleeting there is opportunity to invest your life in something that will stand forever — God's word.

Thursday

Please read Isaiah 6:1, 40:18–22. We have spent a lot of time over the last month talking about the immensity of our God, but it's an important thing to have the right perspective on!

We are all tempted to compare God to something or someone, to fill voids we feel in our lives with something. Who/What are you tempted to compare God to?

How does Isaiah describe God in these passages? How does it encourage you to read Isaiah's perspective of God?

Thank God today that He is incomparable and all-powerful. Thank Him for true description of Him in the Bible. Pray that you will remember the immensity of God and that your faith will be refreshed and reenergized by who He is.

Friday

Please read Isaiah 40:30–31. In what way do you feel "tired and weary" right now?

According to these verses how does God strengthen you?

How could receiving strength from God reenergize your faith?

Thank God today that His strength never runs out. Thank Him for His care for you. Pray about the ways you feel tired and weary. Ask God to help you relax in His care and strength and trust Him to give you exactly what you need.



Memory Verse

“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:30–31 (NIV)