



Week 3: Isaiah 40:27-31

GOD'S GREATNESS, MY RENEWAL!

As Chapter 40 draws to a close, Isaiah's prophecy speaks to a despondent Israel. Weary from enduring hardship and pain, the people question God's awareness, let alone His care. In a thunderous response, the Lord declares not only His watchful presence but also His deep compassion. He is the source of strength, refreshment, and renewal, even amidst their trials.

THE SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 3

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever thought you were completely alone in a situation, only to realize you weren't? What happened?
2. Is there someone in your life whose presence instantly recharges you? What makes them so special?

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3. What tone or attitude do these verses aim to correct? Identify specific words that seem to suggest a difficult reality.
4. Considering the broader context, why might Israel and Jacob have claimed, "My way is hidden from the Lord"? What possible reasons can you suggest?
5. Why do we often doubt God's greatness and care? What factors in your life currently contribute to this doubt?
6. Verse 28 describes several attributes of God's character and power. List as many as you can find within this verse. Is there one that you find particularly encouraging? If so, why?
7. Compare Isaiah 40:29 with 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Is it possible to possess great power while simultaneously feeling weak? According to Paul, what is God's intention behind this paradox?

8. Is there a specific area of your life where the promises of verse 31 offer particular encouragement?
9. According to Isaiah 40:31, what is the key to unlocking these promises? As easy as that sounds, what should that look like in our lives? Read Luke 18:1, Galatians 6:9, Colossians 1:10-11, as well as 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 for some ideas.
10. What makes waiting so challenging? How do you typically react when forced to wait?
11. How could waiting upon the Lord present a powerful witness to others in your life?
12. As we conclude this week's study, take some time to develop a simple, yet practical plan for actively addressing the next time you are weakened to the point of exhaustion. What specific actions will you prioritize to pursue renewal in the Lord?