



Title | Abandoned
Text | Isaiah 40:26-31
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Sermon Notes

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. 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.

Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

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Big Idea:

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Isaiah 40:27. Do you ever feel that God is not paying attention to the difficulties in your life, or that He has abandoned you? If so, please take comfort from this verse that you are not the only one who has felt that way. Also be comforted that while you may not feel His presence, He is with you always.

Tuesday:

Read Isaiah 40:28, Psalm 139:1-6, Matt 27:46. Will God ever get too tired to be there for you? Do you believe that He understands what you are going thru and how you feel? Does He understand what abandonment feels like?

Wednesday:

Read Isaiah 40:31. The word “wait” in this verse means to “await with hope”, as opposed to staring at your watch waiting in disappointment. Doing this implies trust in God that He will take care of you and trust that He knows is the best way and timing. When we trust Him, He empowers us to endure thru our difficulties and struggles.

Thursday:

Read Isaiah 41:10, Deut. 31:6. Will God ever leave me or abandon me? Is God with me even when I don't feel His presence?

Friday:

Read 1Peter 5:7, 2 Chron. 5:11-14, Matt 18:20. Is there a difference between truth as a fact, and experiencing that truth? A truth from scripture is that God is always with you, this is a fact. Yet sometimes we have trouble experiencing that truth and instead feel alone and abandoned. What can you do to experience the fact that God is always with you? How can you engage in his presence?

Daily Prayer:

Heavenly Father, sometimes the struggles of life are overwhelming, and there is no relief in sight. I lose sight of the fact that You are always with me, and that You know me and You love me. Please help me to engage in Your presence, that I may experience your presence in my life, and find strength and hope in You.