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## Isaiah 40 Renewing Our Strength In GOD

What a great, great, unfathomable God we have. Yet he has made Himself so approachable. As the LORD God reveals himself to us through these words that He shared with Isaiah, we realise that we are so small. Minute in comparison to Him, yet He personally loves us, even desires us to draw near to Him.

Through all His dealings with Israel, His called out people to be His own, we realize the astounding position He has brought us into through faith in Christ Jesus. Israel failed so often because they did not set their hearts and minds to serve the LORD and to serve Him and Him only. Romans 2.29

Q. How important is Christ to us in our daily lives and ambitions, are we conscious of His presence with us? Philippians 2.12-13

We were challenged to learn how to depend expectantly on the LORD and to linger in His presence. This is only possible if we personally know Him through the Holy Spirit who is eternally resident in our spirit and heart. It is the Holy Spirit that brings into our lives what God already knows as real even before we come to Him. When He shares with us from His word remember that, *"The word of our God will stand forever."* Isaiah 40.8

*"My word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that for which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55.10-11

Do you know the freedom that Christ has for you through the Holy Spirit filling your life. If you are not sure, do not hold back from asking for prayer and setting your heart open to Him. Know that He is patient and faithful with us in His great love that He has for us.

Read Isaiah 40.29-31 and also Psalm 37.3-7

Hearing Greg testify about God being so faithful and caring was very helpful. Share brief testimonies how the LORD has moved in your life when you waited dependently on Him, doing so knowing that He will act because it is His pleasure to do so. It may be that we need to commit to praying with each other over the next few days, to bring ourselves into line with Gods plans for our life and the church fellowship as we move out into this unknown future.

A quote from Spurgeon; 'A man is nothing, but with God in Him He makes hell tremble'

*"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."* 1John4.4

*"They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."* Revelation12.11