



Where Is Comfort

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INTRODUCTION

- We recently celebrated Abigail's seventh birthday. It's something that we are incredibly thankful and grateful for.
- I know that I'm not the only one. I know that my family is not the only one who has gone through challenges.
- Some may very well be going through their darkest days right now as we worship together this morning.

1 God Knows the End from the Beginning

Isaiah 38:1–5; Isaiah 40:1–2

- Through Isaiah, God says, "Comfort my people." But where is comfort when we're in the midst of dark days.
- God says that he will add 15 years to his life, not that he will heal him.
- Hezekiah says to Isaiah, "The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my days."
- When we are looking for that comfort and we are looking for that peace in our lives, we can find it in part because God knows the end from the beginning.

2 God Knows Better Than We Do

Isaiah 38:2–5

- All the while, in the midst of those challenges, neglecting to acknowledge God's own will and his desires for our lives. Sometimes even refusing to acknowledge that he sees the end results and he knows what's best.
- This isn't really the answer that Hezekiah was trying to get from God. And yet it was the answer that God had to give. Because contrary to what we sometimes think, God knows better than we do.
- Go to him and praise him and thank him for his plan for your life regardless of how it might turn out for you.
- Put yourself wholly and completely in his hands to do with you and your life and your future and your difficulties as he sees fit.

3 Behold Your God: Capable of Delivering Us

Isaiah 40:9–11; Isaiah 40:12; Isaiah 40:13–14

- God is also completely and entirely capable of delivering us through those trials.
- Say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God. Behold the Lord God comes with might and his arm rules for him.'

- If you have doubt about what God is capable of in your life, just behold him.
- Do you think that your troubles are too big for this God?
- You cannot tell God something he doesn't already know. You cannot present to him a solution to a problem that he's not already thought through.

4 Where Were You? Who Do You Think You Are?

Job 1; Job 38:4–7

- Oh, that my vexation were weighed and all my calamity in the balances. For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea.
- This is God saying back to Job, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?”
- Yahweh replies to Job in the same manner that Yahweh spoke through Isaiah in chapter 40. “Who do you think you are? And who do you believe that I am?”
- Consider who God is, what he has done, what he is capable of doing in your life today.

5 Those Who Wait on the Lord Renew Their Strength

Isaiah 40:31

- Because in the end, it is he who delivers us through challenges and trials. We need only to wait.
- Waiting is not some passive thing that happens to us, waiting is something that we must do faithfully.
- The point of waiting is not to just allow God an opportunity to swoop in and be God, it is because that is where comfort lies.
- Just because things will work out in the end does not mean you are going to get what you want, how you want, when you want.
- They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.
- No, you still have a job to do. There is still work to be done in the kingdom.

THE CHALLENGE

If you are ready to make the commitment to God and believe that he is who he claims to be and find comfort in his son's blood, we ask that you come to the front as we stand and sing.

MY NOTES