

THUS SAITH THE LORD

A God Worth Waiting For

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | Isaiah 40:1–31

Ice Breaker: Read Isaiah 40 aloud. Can you share a time when your hope in God gave you renewed strength or helped you keep going when you felt weary?

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY (Studying the context)

Starting in Isaiah chapter 40, the prophet writes to the people living in Babylonian captivity.

Read Jeremiah 25:1-14 and note what has happened to the people of Judah. How do we see God's compassion and faithfulness demonstrated to His people in both Jeremiah and Isaiah?

How do verses 12-14 describe God's character and His sovereignty?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY (Connecting to the Gospel)

How does the imagery of God as a shepherd (verse 11) relate to the rest of the chapter and what does this metaphor tell us about God's relationship with His people? See also Psalm 23; John 10:11-18; Hebrews 13:20-21

Read John 1:19-30 and notice that John the Baptist quotes from our section in Isaiah. What are some comparisons between Isaiah's day and John's day?

APPLY TO OUR STORY (Living the truth out)

We have studied 5 important attributes of God this week (Compassionate, Faithful, Wise, Sovereign, and worth waiting for): Which of these attributes of God have you been leaning into more deeply in your own life recently?

What attribute do you need to focus your attention on?

Accountability Time

Where have you personally seen God's comfort in times of trial or suffering?

Isaiah 40:31 speaks about renewing strength by hoping in the Lord. What attribute of God do you need to lean into this week for strength?

Prayer Points

Thank the Lord for His character.

Pray for the areas where you need to wait on the Lord.

Parenting Moment

List out something you or your family need to trust in God's hands. Ask your children, what is something so big that you need God's strength for?