

# The Moment of Trust

Isaiah 40:12-31

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## This is Your Moment of Trust

Isaiah 40 is one of the best known and most beloved chapters in the Bible. The reason for this is found in the last verse. *“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (40:31)*. This chapter begins with comfort and ends with strength. It presents a picture of people, once beaten down in unimaginable ways, now soaring on wings like eagles. What an awesome picture! The turning point is the moment of trust—the moment of trust is a choice. The promise is for those who “hope” in the Lord. The Hebrew word can also mean to “wait” for the Lord, or to “trust” in the Lord. This is where the chapter leads us. It leads to the moment of trust. More than an idea or a theology lesson, this is a profound promise and personal challenge. Will you trust God? Will you trust Him with your life, your fears, your challenges and your future? Will you trust Him right now, today?

## Getting Clear About God

To trust God we need help. We need to expand our vision. We need to get clear about God. It's the only way we can ever really trust Him. That's why this chapter focuses above all on describing the awesome reality of God. Here we find God revealed as the eternal, all wise, all powerful, sovereign creator of the universe. Pointedly Isaiah creates a comparison and contrast between this awesome reality of God and the scariest and seemingly most out of control problems that people are faced with in life. Here He teaches us to measure our difficulties against the true reality of God—as a way of gaining true perspective. Not only do we gain perspective, more importantly we actually gain faith. As we see God for who He really is, it doesn't take away the pain of our hurts or challenges in this world. But it does give us hope in the midst of anything we face in this life. And hope = trust = waiting on the Lord. This is the only place of true strength and peace in this broken world.

## Bigger, Faster, Stronger?

Even the biggest, fastest and strongest among us are in need (40:30). We live in a steroid culture that explores the extreme limits of human strength and potential. In the end all human strength is as grass that withers (40:6-8). But there is one who is “bigger - faster - stronger.” It is the LORD! This whole chapter calls us to turn our thoughts and our hearts to Him in hope.

## God's Transforming Gift

The renewal of strength is a promise (40:31). It is also a gift from God that transforms our hearts and lives. The beautiful thing about a gift is that it is freely given. All we have to do is to trust and receive it. This is the beauty of the Gospel. The Almighty God (and I do mean all-mighty), actually comes to us. He knows us by name (even as He knows every star in the universe by name); He offers us so much more than strength; He offers us the gift of Himself; He does this in Christ. This is the mystery and the power that is represented in our celebration of communion in the church service. Today—right now! This is your moment of trust. This is your moment of clarity about God—your opportunity for renewal—don't miss the moment. Bow your heart in faith and open yourself up to the Lord. Worship our Amazing God and Creator. Worship our loving Compassionate Savior. As you do, may you be touched by the power of God's grace and find the promise of His renewal for your life!

## **River West Happenings!**

### **Today!**

#### **Sunday, June 29th**

**El Salvador Mission Trip** Applications due today!

Contact Pastor Chris @ 699.2226 or [chris@riverwest.org](mailto:chris@riverwest.org)

### **Parent Prayer Group**

#### **Wednesday, July 9th 7-8pm**

Come and join other parents of Jr. High or High School to pray for our students and the Student Ministries leaders. For more information contact Cynthia Weston @ 515-1464 or [cwweston@juno.com](mailto:cwweston@juno.com)

### **Sunday July 13th**

#### **Night Out-River West Stories 7pm @ River West Church**

Come out for an evening to listen to stories of faith, rescue & redemption as members of River West share their stories about the amazing ways God is working in their lives. As usual we will be serving a something cool & delicious! Limited childcare available by RSVP only to [Mary@riverwest.org](mailto:Mary@riverwest.org) or 699.2226

### **July 14th-18th •**

#### **Vacation Bible School K-5th**

Register now...forms are in the lobby & at the church office. Contact Lindsie at 699.2226 or [lindsie@riverwest.org](mailto:lindsie@riverwest.org)

### **FitBody • Saturdays 8-9am River West Fellowship Hall**

Please plan on joining us for FitBody! This is an ongoing fitness class offered every Saturday morning at RW. FitBody is for every "body"! If you are looking to "jump start" your fitness program, or add to your ongoing plan - this may just be the right place for you. You must be 18 or older to attend. For more information, contact Gina Kulper @ 636-8294

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