

# Take It Home

Applying the Preached Word



## Words of Comfort: The All-Sufficient God

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**Text:** Isaiah 40:27-31

**Main Point:** In the presence of our doubt there is no peace or comfort to be found.

**Key Ideas:** God goes after our remaining doubts in three steps.

1. Life's difficulties are disorienting (verse 27). When life gets hard, our hearts get disoriented. Our trials can cause us to believe that God doesn't see our troubles or care about our needs. When we doubt God, we lose all grip on hope.

2. God's character is unchanging (verse 28). God knows that we are prone to judge him in our trials because we think he is acting wisely. That is why he repeats questions which point us back to God. For there is no grace to be found when we judge God through the lens of our trial. God wants us to build our lives on right thoughts about him. So, judge your trial through the lens of your God.

3. God's power is our strength (verses 29-30). God highlights one of the most humbling of all his attributes. This powerful God is a giving God. God gives power to weary, doubting, accusing children like us. That power is an endless treasure of hope for us.

### Fellowship Starters

#### Treasure - Application to stir our love for Christ

1. How has the series on Isaiah 40 ministered to you?
2. How do Habakkuk 1:2-3 and Psalm 13:1-6 illustrate the way we can sometimes doubt God in our trouble?
3. How can remembering the character traits of God mentioned in verses 28 and 29 restore our hope in the midst of our trial?
4. Who receives the power of God in verses 29-31 and how should that encourage us?
5. How is 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 a good passage to turn to in the midst of our trials?

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## **Grow - Application to stir our obedience to Christ**

6. Where have you been most tempted to doubt God's ability to work your circumstances for good?
7. Where are you most tempted to turn to alternate comforts for help in your trial (i.e. food, alcohol/ drugs, entertainment, lust, etc)?
8. Take time in your family, or with your community group to pray for each other that God would strengthen each other in the trials each one is experiencing.
9. Can you remember a time when, after doubting God, he worked your circumstances together for your good?
10. How has God's power been a source of strength for you in your trials?

## **Proclaim - Application to stir our witness for Christ**

11. Pass along a copy of this message or another in this series to an unbeliever that you know is struggling in their trials.