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Isaiah 40:28-31 • Celebration Sunday • Experiencing God

On this Celebration Sunday of 2021, here are some Christian outlooks to consider... Our God is Sovereign; We have God's Power to Reach People; We have great opportunities to Make Jesus look good; and We can have Intimacy with God even amid the chaos.

God has put on my heart for our 2021 theme that last thought - _____ with God amid the chaos. How?

EXPERIENCING GOD

We can become frustrated, and we can make some big mistakes and false assumptions while we are waiting.

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

Strong's Concordance - "to bind together by twisting." It means to take to things and twist them together until they become one.

When this happens, you will experience God in your life. Isaiah lived in a time of political transition - a good king died.

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up."

Isaiah 6:1

God has a message to us.

“You’re not as smart as you think you are.”

God has never sent problems into your life so you can get your calculator out and figure out your problem. God sends problems into your life for one reason – to see if you will wait and twist your live around Him.

In 2020, our world looked at our problems completely wrong. If they viewed the problems in the right way, then people would have turned to God and we would have had a worldwide revival. But we didn’t!

God allowed the problems of 2020 for one supreme reason – that we would come closer to Him. When we do that God says, “I will lead you and guide you and help you every step of the way.”

B. God says, “I am All-_____.”

“He fainteth not.” v. 28b

When you faint, you become so weak and dizzy that you lose consciousness.

“Neither is He weary.” v. 28c

It means to become so exhausted that you “gasp for breath.”

God is never going to walk with you up the hills of your life and “Gasp” for breath. Never. If that’s the kind of God He is, then I want to be close to Him and be a part of what He is doing. Why? Because He can handle COVID-19; He can handle riots; He can handle political leaders; He can handle my sin; and He can handle what’s going on in my life.

If I am going to experience God in 2021, I need to know who He is and focus on what He has done, what He is doing, and what He has promised to do. You’ll never know what God is doing unless you dig into the Word of God every day; listen to Him; and talk to Him.

2. _____ on Him with all my Heart, v. 29-30

“He giveth power to the faint.” Those who are weak in their body and soul, He sends His power = NT word is “dunamis” or dynamite.

When you grow weak and weary, God lets off an explosion of power in your soul. Our problem is that we think it’s just a one time boom.

When you grow weak and weary, and are ready to faint, the everlasting God that lives inside of you knows when you need Him the most. When you believe Him and trust Him and obey Him, there’s a boom coming your way.

“Even the youth shall faint, and the young men shall fall.”

During a transitional time of national³ leadership, Isaiah had an awesome vision of God on His throne surrounded by flaming seraphim crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." God knew that this vision would bring peace to Isaiah's heart. But God was also calling him to go tell the sinful people to turn to the Lord. We have been given the same message today.

God said to Isaiah, "I am still on the throne. You can trust Me. You can follow Me. You can obey Me. You can know Me. I will take care of you. You can still prosper no matter who takes the throne in Judah."

Pictures of Intimacy with God

- " _____ closer to God."

It means to move a short distance - especially when you are getting close to someone.

- " _____ up to God."

Snuggle means to draw close especially for comfort or in affection.

- " _____ my world around His."

When you and I wait on God, we will experience intimacy with God.

When you do this, you will experience the peace of God and joy of the Lord in your heart. You will begin to sense God's promptings to do right and God's warnings to avoid the wrong. His Spirit will help you make godly decisions.

How to Experience God in 2021

1. _____ that God is All Powerful in my Life, v. 28

"The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the earth."

A. God says, "I _____ it ALL."

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

Isaiah 55:8

God says, "I don't think like you." If you are born again, if you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior because you believe He died and rose again for you, if you have made a commitment to follow Him, then the Holy Spirit of God lives inside of you.

Youth means those who are athletically fit. Why are they falling? Clearly it's because, then and now, many of our youth and adults are living at a distance from God.

3. _____ the little gods for the One True Big God, v. 31

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

Psalm 27:14

"Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies."

Psalm 27:11

v. 31b - What are they doing? #1 Flying #2 Running #3 Walking

Walking is a picture of intimacy with God, of "Experiencing God."

Are you walking with God? Every day you walk with God, your life is a message that you love Him and you know Him. You walk with Him and He walks with you.

If you are going to experience God, you are going to need to stop, be still, and spend time with God.

You can't begin to walk with God until you are _____ and become a follower of Christ.