

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF WHAT'S NEXT

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ISAIAH 46:4 KJV

And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Central Truth

You may not know what is coming next, but you already know the God who will meet you there.

There are seasons of life when "what's next" feels exciting. But there are also seasons when "what's next" creates anxiety.

What will happen with my health?

Will I have enough to live on?

Will my family be all right?

Will I lose my independence?

Who will be there when I need help?

What will happen when the people I have always depended upon are no longer here?

These are honest questions. Faith does not require us to pretend that we never feel afraid. Faith teaches us what to do when fear tries to control us.

God speaks to His people in Isaiah 46 and says, in essence:

You have grown older, but I have not grown weaker. Your strength may change, but Mine has not. You may not be able to carry what you once carried, but I am still able to carry you.

The same God who carried you through yesterday has already entered your tomorrow. Therefore, you do not have to be afraid of what comes next.

1. THE GOD WHO KEPT YOU THEN WILL KEEP YOU NOW

PSALM 37:25 KJV

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Fear wants you to forget your history with God. It focuses your attention on the uncertainty ahead while hiding the evidence behind you.

But when you look back, you can see:

- * Doors God opened
- * Dangers God blocked
- * Illnesses God brought you through
- * Needs God supplied
- * Battles God fought
- * Tears God turned into testimony

You have survived things you once thought would destroy you. You are not standing today because life has always been easy. You are standing because God has always been faithful.

Impact statement:

Your history with God is evidence that your future is safe in His hands.

2. GOD IS ALREADY PRESENT IN YOUR NEXT SEASON

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 KJV

And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

You are afraid of what is next because you have never been there before.
But God is not limited by time.
The place that is unknown to you is already known to Him.

God does not merely walk beside you—He goes before you.

Before you arrive, God is already there.
Before the need appears, provision is already being prepared.
Before the problem surfaces, God already has wisdom for it.
Before the door closes, God knows which door He will open.

Impact statement:

What is a surprise to you is never an emergency to God.

3. A CHANGE IN YOUR STRENGTH DOES NOT MEAN A CHANGE IN GOD'S STRENGTH

ISAIAH 40:29 KJV

**He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he
increaseth strength.**

One of the greatest fears associated with getting older is the fear of losing the strength to do what you have always done.

But Isaiah 46:4 does not say that God will merely watch you grow older. God says, "I will carry you."

There comes a season when faith is not demonstrated by how much you can carry. Faith is demonstrated by your willingness to let God carry you.

You may have to slow down, but God has not slowed down.
You may need assistance, but you have not lost your dignity.
Your body may have limitations, but your spirit can remain strong.
Your assignment may change, but your life still has purpose.

Impact statement:

When your strength is no longer enough, God's strength will still be sufficient.

4. YOU STILL HAVE PURPOSE IN YOUR NEXT SEASON

PSALM 92:14–15 KJV

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Growing older does not mean becoming irrelevant. You may not do everything you once did, but you still possess something the next generation desperately needs.

You have wisdom earned through experience.

You have prayers strengthened through suffering.

You have discernment developed through mistakes.

You have testimonies born out of battles.

You have a spiritual inheritance that must be passed forward.

Some fruit can only be produced by a tree that has survived many seasons.

Your pace may change, but your purpose remains. There is still oil in your vessel, wisdom in your voice, power in your prayers, and ministry in your testimony.

Impact statement:

If God has allowed you to remain, it is because something in you is still required.

5. WHATEVER COMES NEXT CANNOT SEPARATE

YOU FROM GOD

Romans 8:38–39 KJV

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Notice that Paul includes “things to come.”

Whatever is coming next may change your circumstances, but it cannot change your relationship with God. It cannot remove you from His hands. It cannot cancel His promises. It cannot separate you from His love.

And for the believer, even death is not the end. Death is a doorway from labor to reward, from faith to sight, and from the presence of trouble into the presence of the Lord.

Impact statement:

The future may change many things, but it cannot change who holds you.

Closing

You do not have to understand everything that is ahead. You only have to trust the One who is already there.

The Lord who kept you when you were young is still God now. The Lord who carried your family, sustained your mind, supplied your needs, healed your body, and brought you through dangers seen and unseen has not abandoned you at this stage of your journey.

God says:

“I made you.”

“I will bear you.”

"I will carry you."

"I will deliver you."

You may not know what tomorrow holds—but tomorrow already knows the voice of your God.

So when fear asks, "What are you going to do about what comes next?" answer:

"The same God who brought me this far will carry me the rest of the way."

Closing Declaration

I will not fear what comes next.
God has been faithful behind me.
God is present beside me.
God has gone ahead of me.
And whatever tomorrow brings,

I will still be in the hands of God.