

Comfort In Exile

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2 Timothy 3:10-17

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Snapshot:

Our God is the everlasting God so we must find our comfort in Him.

I. Comfort in the message of the Gospel (40:1–11)

II. Comfort in the God of the Gospel (40:12–26)

III. Continuous Comfort (40:27-31)

Connect

Tell of a time that you needed to be comforted.

Study

Point 1: Comfort in the message of the Gospel

READ Isaiah 40:1–11

- 1) What elements of the Gospel message do you see in these verses? Describe how each element helps bring comfort now and in the future. In what ways do you see Jesus completing what is described in these verses?
- 2) Why is it necessary for us to understand we are temporary but the Lord is everlasting and His Word endures forever? In what ways do you think comfort in the message of the Gospel? What does it look like to find comfort in a message while remaining in “exile”?

Point 2: Comfort in the God of the Gospel

READ Isaiah 40:12–26

- 3) What do these verses teach you about the Lord God Almighty (make a list)? How does understanding who God is help us find comfort in the message of the Gospel? How can you grow in your knowledge of the Lord?
- 4) What are some things in our lives that cause us to forget the grandeur of God? How does forgetting who God is and who we are cause us discomfort instead of comfort?

Point 3: Continuous Comfort

READ Isaiah 40:27-31

- 5) What are some things that cause us to doubt God’s Word? Who has the Lord placed in your life that challenges you as Isaiah did Israel? What are things in your life that cause you to grow weary, exhausted, weak? In those times, what would it look like to wait on the Lord? Tell of a time you waited on the Lord and He renewed your strength.

Memorizing

“Even youths shall faint and be weary and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:30, 31).

Preparing for next week

Read: Isaiah 42:1-9

Ask: questions of the text

Pray: through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.