

Isaiah 40:1-5

Day 1: God will never leave you nor abandon you

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-2, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Meditation: Israel had done so many things that was offensive to God and because of this, they suffered tremendously. Even though God would many times discipline them for their actions, He never once abandoned them. The reason being...they are His people. God loves them, even when they don't love Him back.

Reflection: Think about moments in your life when you failed God. What was the cause behind it? Were there repercussions from your actions? Those who trust Jesus as their savior are His people. And unfortunately for us, we many times fall into the same category as the Israelites. In the times that we are not obedient and receive discipline, it can be hard. There are even moments if we aren't careful, we can even get upset with God. But the reality is He has never stopped loving us and will never.

Prayer: If you are not being obedient to God today, then seek forgiveness right now. Starting today, pray that you will be obedient even in the hard commands God gives you.

Day 2: Preparing the way of the Lord

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-4, Matthew 3:1-3

Meditation: Every prophecy in the bible that is not about future events as already been fulfilled. Not one has been proven wrong. Here is another example of that. We can see that the one who was preparing the way of the Lord was in fact John the Baptist. He had a hard road ahead of him and will ultimately lose his life for God's kingdom. The verses in Isaiah show us that the task the Israelites were going to have to do was going to be difficult. But God was providing them the redemption they had been calling out for.

Reflection: Have you ever thought about all the prophecies of the bible? How encouraging is it for you today to know that every prophecy that is not into the future as already been fulfilled?

Prayer: Spent time talking to God about all that He has already accomplished and then thank Him for what He will accomplish. Seek to see the things you can do to help in His mission.

Day 3: There is always a silver lining

Scripture: Isaiah 40:5, Romans 12:1-2

Meditation: As Israel was in some of the darkest moments, Isaiah comes along to remind them that even in the darkest days, God's promises will come to be. Israel will be saved because God has declared it. Coming out of darkness is never going to be easy, but it will always be better coming out of those moments by trust in the Lord.

Reflection: Have you ever felt like things were never going to get better? Maybe you are in a dark moment of your life right now. Understand that no matter how dark or bleak it may feel. The answer is never to turn away from God and always trust in Him. There will always be a silver lining for those who are saved.

Prayer: If you are going through difficulties right now, stop and just ask God to give you strength to overcome. Also ask him to open your eyes to the encouraging moments that come along.