



# Hope for God's People

Isaiah 40:1–11





*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is  
pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's  
hand double for all her sins.*

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*— Isaiah 40:1-2*

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# God's Grace Is Greater

We experience God's comfort the most when  
we are at our lowest

*Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased,  
grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also  
might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.*

**— Romans 5:20-21**

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***Are you comforted by the amazing grace  
that has been given to you?***



*A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

*— Isaiah 40:3–5*







# There Is Hope In The Wilderness

No matter where you are, God is always making a way back to Him.

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

— **Isaiah 43:19**

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*God is carving out a river bed that will bring life to the desert you are in, do you believe that?*



*A voice says, "Cry!"*

*And I said, "What shall I cry?"*

*All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

*— Isaiah 40:6–8*







# God's Word Stands Forever

His promises are good and his promises are true.

*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

**— Romans 5:3–5**

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***What foundation are you standing on?***



*Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news, lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

*Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

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*— Isaiah 40:9–11*





# Our Comfort Compels Us To Tell

God wants us to enjoy his comfort and to multiply that enjoyment by spreading the Gospel to others.

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good new of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."*

— **Isaiah 52:7**

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***Are you truly enjoying your salvation?***