

FINDING HOPE AS YOU WAIT ON THE LORD

May 3, 2020 Isaiah 40:25-31 Key verse is 40:31

“I can’t take anymore. I’ve had it. I quit.” What then? Hymn #415 vs. 2. You need more grace, more strength. Amen? 2 Cor. 12:9. Your hope is not found in yourself or in any person. **Can you say, “My hope is in the Lord?”**

1. Complaining is easy! Right?

- In Isaiah 40 the people were coming off of 70 years of captivity in Babylon.
- Notice their complaint (40:27), “Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord...’”
- It was a two-fold complaint: God doesn’t know. God doesn’t care.
- Like Matthew West sings, “God why don’t you do something?”

2. Wait on the LORD (Yahweh). My hope is found in the Lord!

- Isaiah 40:31 is our key verse. Most versions say, “But those who wait on the Lord.” The NIV says, “But those who hope in the Lord...”
- Wait on the Lord. But I feel so impatient! There are things you can do while you wait on the Lord: read the Bible, pray, serve, give, love & forgive

- Wait on the Lord for direction and wisdom. Prov. 3:5-6
- Wait on the Lord for strength. Isaiah 40:30-31
- **Think about who the LORD (Yahweh) is:** Creator (40:26,28), Eternal, the one with all-wisdom, all-knowledge, all strength. 40:25-26,28-29
- I know you want to soar like an eagle and run like a deer but today you might need the strength to walk and not faint, a step at a time.
- God is saying to you, **“Will you trust me?”** A grandfather story.
- Song, “I’m waiting on you Lord and I’m hopeful...” by John Waller