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Don't
Disconnect!

Isaiah 40:25-31

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. **Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”?** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint”

**He is:
Father God**

**Are you:
Fathered by God?**



**Are You
Connected?**



We disconnect when ...

- 1. our “arms” of faith grow tired**
- 2. we misunderstand the glory of trials**
- 3. we forget that faithfulness is the path to promotion**

1. The “Arms” of Faith

Rom 1:17 “The righteous will **live by faith**”

2 Cor 5:17 “We **live by faith** not by sight”

Gal 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The **life I live in the body, I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

The Outstretched Arm of Faith

Exodus 17:11

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning



How to Build Faith



Rom 10:17

So then faith
comes by hearing,
and hearing by
the word of God.

2. The Glory of Trials

1 Pet 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to **suffer grief in all kinds of trials**. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Rom 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed **we share in his sufferings** in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Phil 1:29, 3:10 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, **but also to suffer for him**...I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the **fellowship of sharing in his sufferings**, becoming like him in his death,

3. The Path of Faithfulness



What is Faithfulness?

- P** – Passion
- E** – Excellence
- D** – Discipline
- I** – Integrity

Three Types of Faithfulness

Luke 16 v10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

v11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

v12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

Small starts

Money

Other people's stuff



Connect with God by

1. Holding up “arms of faith”
2. Understand the glory of **trials**
3. Pursue **faithfulness** as the path to promotion

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