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Hold Fast to Eternity

The Memory Verse for this week is from Isaiah 40: **“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 faint” (Isaiah 40:31 ESV).**

Here, Isaiah is addressing those who feel God does not see them. He is speaking to people who feel abandoned by the Lord—who are weary of waiting for God to answer their prayers. Some of them may even use this as an excuse to abandon their faith in God and seek the help of other powers.

Isaiah asks them, *“Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?’ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable”* (Isaiah 40:27-28).

God is concerned with Eternity and the everlasting. So often in our lives, the immediate and the “now” clouds our vision and distorts our perspective. When we are in difficulty and in pain, the present feels like eternity. It stretches out before us with trouble after trouble. Will it ever end?

Have you ever felt that way? Has it ever seemed like God does not see you? Is He blind to our difficulties and deaf to our needs? Have you ever given up your prayers to the Lord and sought aid elsewhere?

We all do at some point in our lives, whether it is for a moment or for a while. In times of turmoil, we might turn to governments, corporations, friends, or family for answers. The Lord should be the first one we

turn to when we are in distress, and not a last resort when all other avenues have failed. Are we seeing past our present circumstances, gazing off at the infinite light of our inheritance at the end of our walk, or are we standing dumbstuck in anguish, staring down weary and faint at the mud-puddles and potholes we’ve stepped in on the road to Eternal Life?

I have been in deep anguish at some pretty trivial things, and at times I gave God an earful about them. Other times, I sought help elsewhere before I even thought of taking them to Him. But sooner or later, I am worn down to despair, wearied by the task of striving on my own. Then I remember that I am not alone in this walk. I recall the promise that He is with me and that the great struggles of life are mere mud-puddles on the road to Eternal Life. This is a battle to remember every day, because we so often find ourselves stumbling into things that take the wind right out of us. Sometimes it seems to take forever to recover our strength.

We should take the perspective of the Psalmist: *“The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away”* (Psalm 90:10). We will fly away—we will mount up with eagle’s wings when we see our Lord and are ushered into Eternity. Jesus will renew our strength by His resurrection power, when He calls us up from death or up to Him in the Rapture.

Then, *“just as we have born the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven”* (1 Corinthians 15:49), and we shall run and not be weary, we shall walk and not faint because we are His and with Him. This great truth is already accomplished for Believers, and the destination exists in Eternity, for Jesus accomplished it for us in the Cross, saving us from our sins and death.