

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Comfort in Hardship

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-31

'...God wants to comfort you... to give you strength and hope...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

How does God actually comfort His people?

When God miraculously saved Jerusalem from the Assyrians how did the future exile to Babylon set the tone for the message?

How does the declaration of God that the war is ended give comfort to His people even though the circumstances they were in were a just reward for their actions?

How does the recognition that we are part of a bigger story, just as the Israelites were, bring comfort?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

In what ways have you sometimes allowed your current circumstances to control your identity?

How are you pointing others to true comfort when they are struggling?

How is God's glory being revealed in you? How is it yet to be revealed?

Are you okay being a Christian whose job is to live in obscurity so that the glory goes to God?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is the advantage that we as the people of God living in this time have in perspective knowing what Jesus has already accomplished?

How does the endurance of God's word bring comfort?

How can I teach others (especially children) that it is a privilege to be called into the suffering of God's people for God's glory?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you dwell on the truths that: God sees; God does not forget; God is faithful; and God is powerful; and allow them to dispel any doubt that may try to creep in over His ultimate concern for you? Will you trust in the truth that His comfort cannot be surpassed?