

## Comfort

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Isaiah 40:1-8

Israel suffered under the power and rule of Babylon. Destruction and exile reigned over the people of God. The Promised Land—that which God said would be theirs when they were freed from slavery in Egypt—was no longer their home.

Then the prophet Isaiah shared a word from the Lord: “Comfort, comfort my people, . . . Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, . . . that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for” (vv 1-2). Comfort! Can you imagine the power of that word to be people tired, lonely, homesick?

While this encouraging word does not mean there are no longer challenges to overcome, it does convey hope. God, like a mighty warrior, has come to the defense of his people. They will not wander in the desert for years; he will make their paths home straight.

What situation do you find yourself in today? Are you waiting in a desert place for the Lord to bring comfort? Have hope—the Lord brings comfort and guidance to his people.

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