Devotion: The Caregiver's Greatest Resource

Isaiah 40:28-31

It is just like taking a long and difficult journey with the patient into the unknown.



It can leave you emotionally drained.



For his sake you have to get yourself going again.



How can anyone be sufficiently prepared for this?



Isaiah 40:28-31

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

V.28 - God never faints or becomes weary.

- He upholds the whole of Creation.
- He is constantly watching over you and holding you.
- Cf. Matthew 10:30 "the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

V.28 - There is no searching of His understanding.

- None can measure His infinite wisdom.
- Why has God allowed your loved one to have cancer?
- If you know that God's ways are unsearchable, you can simply trust that He knows what He is doing.

- V.29 He gives power to the faint and increases the strength of those who have no might.
- This is not physical strength but the willpower to keep doing His will even under the most trying circumstances.

■ 2 Corinthians 12:9,10 – "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

What you need to keep doing

■ V.31 – "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

What you need to keep doing

- Psalm 145:15 "The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season."
- ■2 Chronicles 13:10 "...and the Levites wait upon their business."

What you need to keep doing

- We wait upon the Lord when we commune with Him through His Word and prayer.
- Psalm 16:11 "…in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."



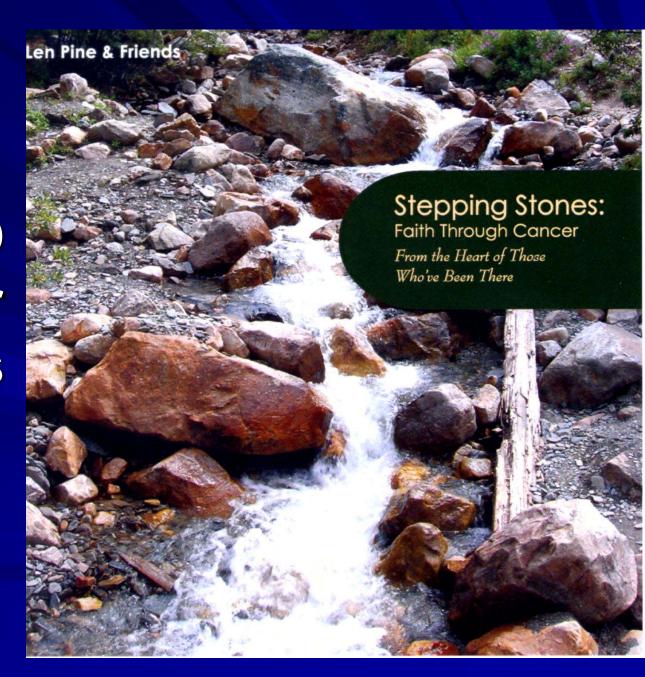
Four Results of Waiting on the Lord

- 1. You will renew your strength.
- 2. You will mount up with wings as eagles.
- You will run and not be weary.
- 4. You will walk and not faint.

Conclusion

- God is the caregiver's greatest resource!
- Draw all the strength and help that you need from Him.
- Keep pointing your loved one to the LORD by using God's Word.

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