



Learning to Wait on Our Big God

Isaiah 40:21-31

Introduction

Waiting is a difficult thing for most of us to do.

If we struggle with waiting in the little things, how will we ever learn to wait on God in the more serious and difficult things?

Every one of us in our life will need to learn to wait. How do we learn to do that well?

I. Waiting requires patience.

God's timing is not our timing.
How long did Abraham have to wait for a son?

- Genesis 12:1-4 – Abraham is 75 years old when God calls him and promises him a son.
- Genesis 21:1-7 – Abraham is 100 years old when Isaac is born.
- Abraham waited 25 years for a son.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:18-21

Abraham learned to wait on our big God.

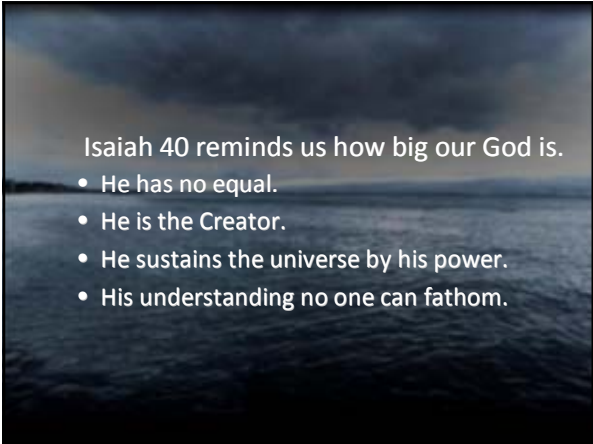
II. Waiting requires humility.

It is an admission that I am not in charge.

God's ways are not our ways.

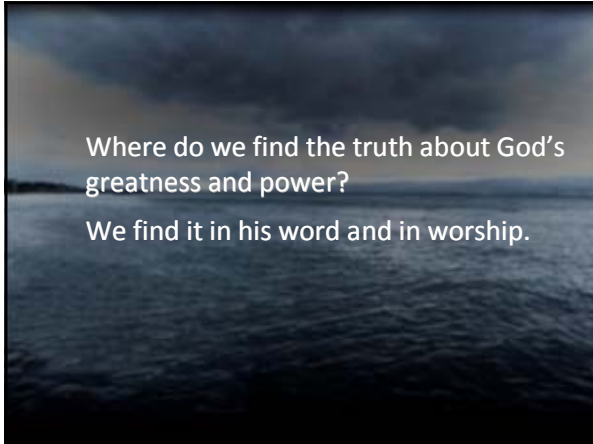
"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9



Isaiah 40 reminds us how big our God is.

- He has no equal.
- He is the Creator.
- He sustains the universe by his power.
- His understanding no one can fathom.



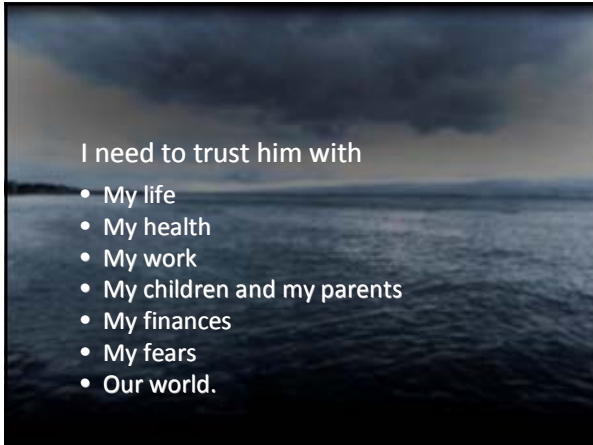
Where do we find the truth about God's greatness and power?

We find it in his word and in worship.



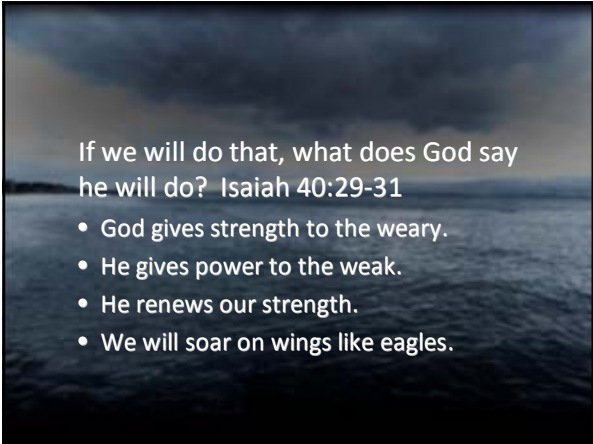
III. Waiting requires trust.

I need to trust that God knows what he is doing.



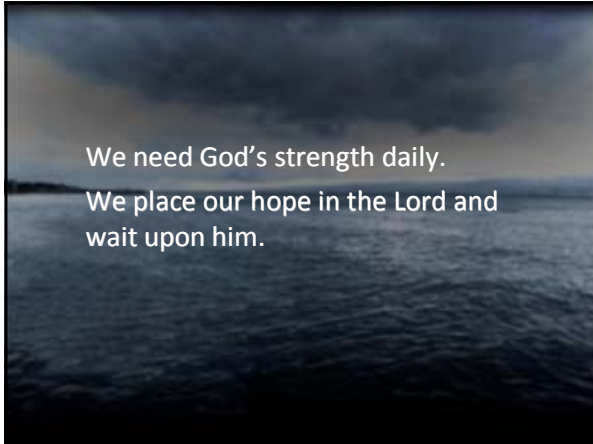
I need to trust him with

- My life
- My health
- My work
- My children and my parents
- My finances
- My fears
- Our world.



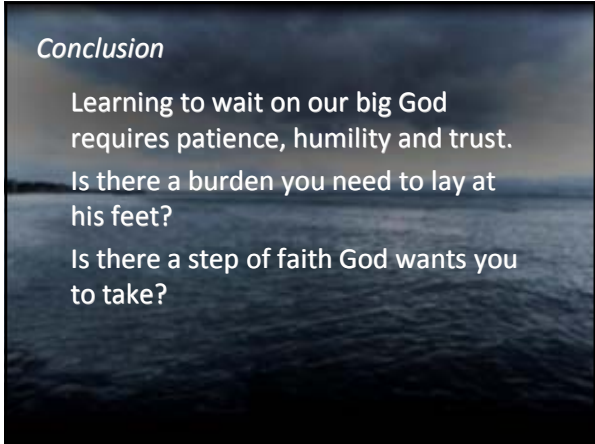
If we will do that, what does God say he will do? Isaiah 40:29-31

- God gives strength to the weary.
- He gives power to the weak.
- He renews our strength.
- We will soar on wings like eagles.



We need God's strength daily.

We place our hope in the Lord and wait upon him.

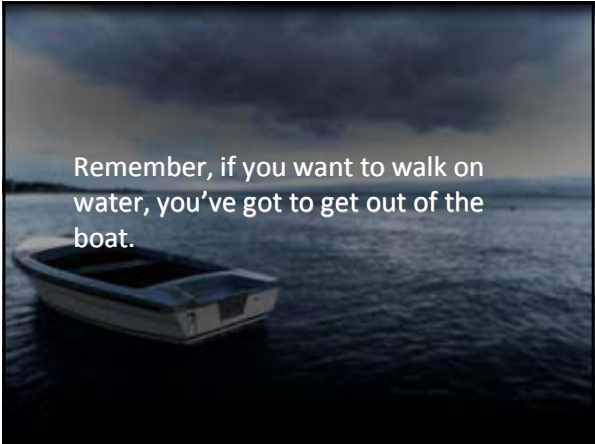


Conclusion

Learning to wait on our big God
requires patience, humility and trust.

Is there a burden you need to lay at
his feet?

Is there a step of faith God wants you
to take?



Remember, if you want to walk on
water, you've got to get out of the
boat.