

WARM-UP

- Tell us about the sleeping position and bedding type you find most comfortable.
- Have you ever been led the wrong way by a navigation or map application? What happened?
- Who is one person you trust completely? Why?

WORD *In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.*

ISAIAH 10:20

(Read also **ISAIAH 10:21-25; 12:1.**)

Isaiah spoke this prophecy after God had already pronounced judgment on His people because of their pride, arrogance, self-centeredness, and acts of social injustice. To bring judgment on Israel, God used a different nation: Assyria. God would then punish Assyria as well because of their wickedness and refusal to turn to Him. However, God showed His faithfulness in preserving a remnant for Himself from Israel. Today, we will look at some things we can learn from the judgment on the people of God.

1 | God is faithful in the midst of our trials.

²⁴Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: "O my people, who dwell in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrians when they strike with the rod and lift up their staff against you as the Egyptians did.

²⁵For in a very little while my fury will come to an end, and my anger will be directed to their destruction." **ISAIAH 10:24-25**

God assured Israel that His fury would end, and Assyria—the tool He used to bring judgment (Isaiah 10:15)—would also receive His judgment for their sins. He extended His grace to His people by preserving His relationship with them through trials and tribulations. He is the same with us. In His faithfulness, God preserves His relationship with us even as we go through life's trials. He assures us of His presence and strength through everything we experience, and He will make us better through it, though we may not understand it at the time. How have you taken comfort in God's faithfulness during trials? Even when you were faithless, how have you experienced His faithfulness (2 Timothy 2:13)?

2 | God is trustworthy above all.

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Before God brought His judgment on His people, the Israelites were putting others on a pedestal and finding security in them. But God's desire is for us to trust and depend on Him above all. There are times that God must take away the things we get security from to replace it with trust in

Himself, the only truly stable foundation. How have different trials in life caused you to trust even more in God alone?

3 | God is our ultimate deliverer and comforter.

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me." ISAIAH 12:1

In the end, we will see that all things come together for God's greater purposes, which transcend our lifetime and our own problems. Isaiah's prophecy assured the Israelites that He would leave a remnant and they would ultimately thank the Lord for turning away His anger and giving them comfort. As we undergo challenges in life, we can thank God for His sovereignty and love that molds our character and draws us close, put our trust in Him, and be assured of His deliverance and comfort. How have you experienced the comfort of God even as you go through challenges?

APPLICATION

- What is one trial you've gone through or are going through that you still don't understand? How can you be assured of God's faithfulness throughout this trial?
- Ask God to show you if you are putting others on a pedestal of trust that should belong to God alone. How can you start finding complete security in God?
- Think back and list times God has comforted you. Give Him praise for His deliverance and faithfulness. How do you think this will prepare you for what will happen in the future?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His faithfulness to bring you through every challenge and trial you experience. Thank God for being faithful to His covenant relationship with His people.
- Pray that God would reveal the things that you put on a pedestal of trust and security. Ask for His grace to trust Him alone.
- Pray for family or friends who need to be reminded about God's faithfulness and deliverance. Ask God to use your words and life to draw them closer to Him.

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