

# Comfort My People

S.R. Isaiah 40:1 - 3

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## Introduction

- A. What we need now is Comfort: Jesus sent a comforter.
  - 1. Isa. 40:1 – 8, 11 Context
  - 2. 2 Cor. 1:3 - 4
- B. We have prayed:
- C. God has answered:
- D. It is now time for us to look up in Faith to the giver of life and eternal life.

## I. Hebrews 10:32 - 39

- A. V. 35 “ Don’t throw away your confidence (bold faith).
- B. V. 36 - 38 “You need endurance”
- C. These are the times that reveal who we are inside. Heb. (10:39)
- D. We need to see who the enemy is and engage in battle (Isaiah 60; Eph. 6:12).

## II. Hebrews 11

- A. Faith is (11:1 – 3)
- B. What Faith Does (11:3 – 40)

## III. Christ: the Ultimate is Runner for all who live by Faith (Heb. 12::1 – 3)

- A. Hosts of former runners surrounding us: (Heb. 12:1 – 3)
  - 1. Throw off the weights (everything that hinders) the Sin – it so easily entangles
  - 2. Run the race with endurance. (When you hit the wall keep on running.)
  - 3. Fixated on the Ultimate Runner:
    - a. Author – Trail Blazer (Pioneer) (2:10)
    - b. Perfector – completer of the marathon.
  - 4. Joy of finishing is preceded by painful endurance – move beyond the shame.
  - 5. Victory in Jesus who is sitting at the right hand of the throne of God.
  - 6. Consider the hostility He endured:
    - a. Don’t grow weary
    - b. Don’t lose heart

#### **IV. How should We then Run?**

- A. Hebrews 12:12 – 15
  - 1. Danger of frustration turning into bitterness.
- B. 13:1 “Let love of the brethren continue.”
  - 1. All of us are hurting, struggling and many are growing weary.
  - 2. Strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble (12:12).
- C. 13:2 Open your home to strangers -
- D. 13:4 Remain committed to your marriage –
- E. 13:5 Let go of your love of money and use it as a tool for God.
  - 1. Your character is revealed by how you use the resources God has entrusted into your hands.
- F. Contentment is contingent upon our trust in God. (Heb. 13:5 – 6)
  - 1. Do we believe God’s promise – Moses last words? (Cf. Deut. 31:6, 8)
  - 2. Hebrews 13:6 quoted in Psalm 118:6

#### **V. Conclusion:**

- A. David Hoke and Virginia Rader have gone on before us.
- B. More importantly Jesus has gone on before us (Hebrews 12:2).
- C. He is the one constant in our everchanging world.
  - 1. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (13:8)
  - 2. In a world that is constantly shaken His kingdom remains unshaken (Heb. 12:25 – 29)
- D. Are you keeping your eyes on Jesus?
- E. It will show in how you run the race.