




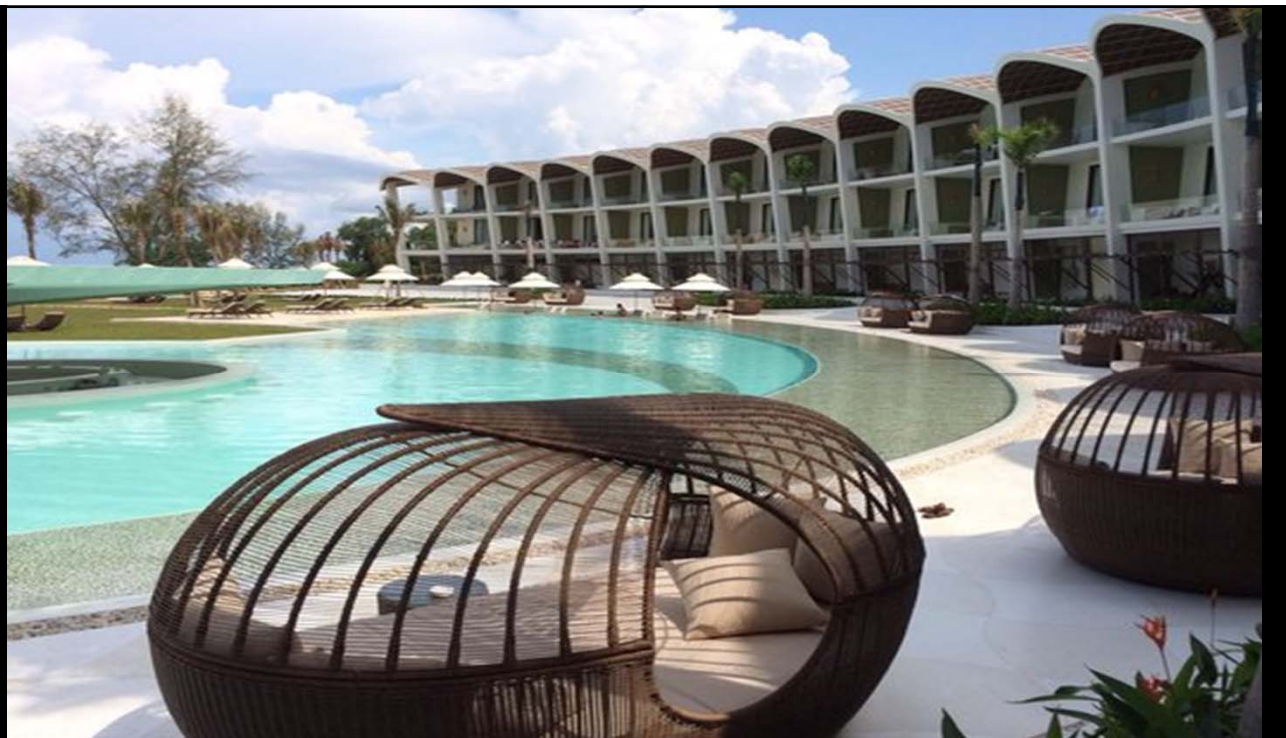
BEHOLD YOUR GOD

BBTC Mission Statement
To **SHARE CHRIST**
as we
MATURE in HIM.



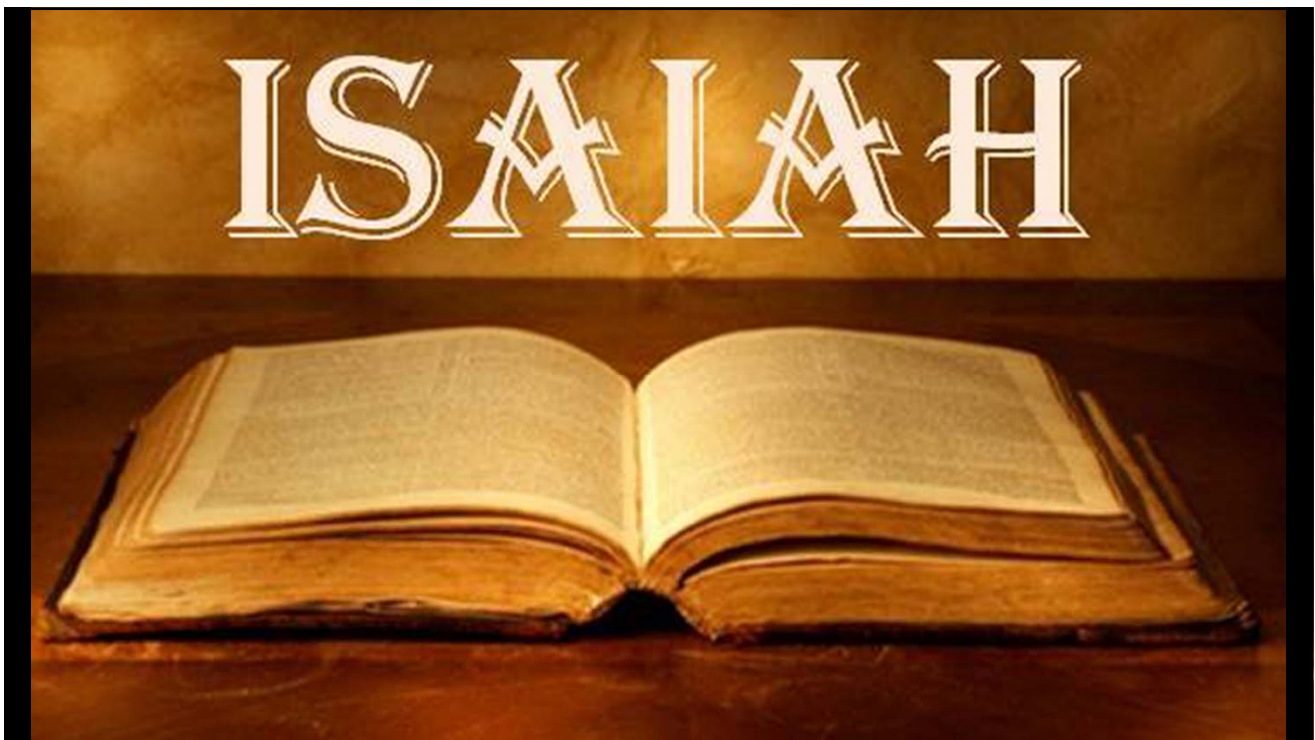


What comes to your mind
when you look at
the following pictures?









Isaiah 40:1-9

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.



Isaiah 40:1-9

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

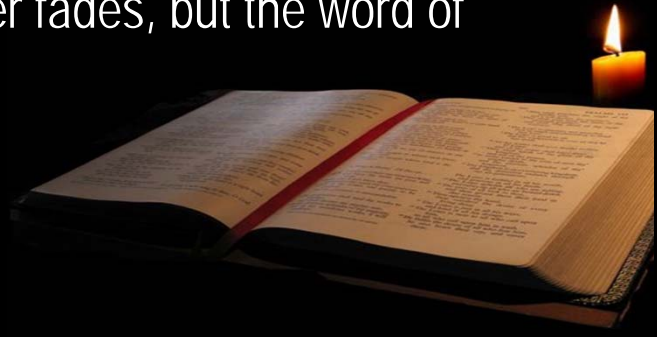


Isaiah 40:1-9

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.



Isaiah 40:1-9

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "**Behold your God!**"



Isaiah 40:1-2

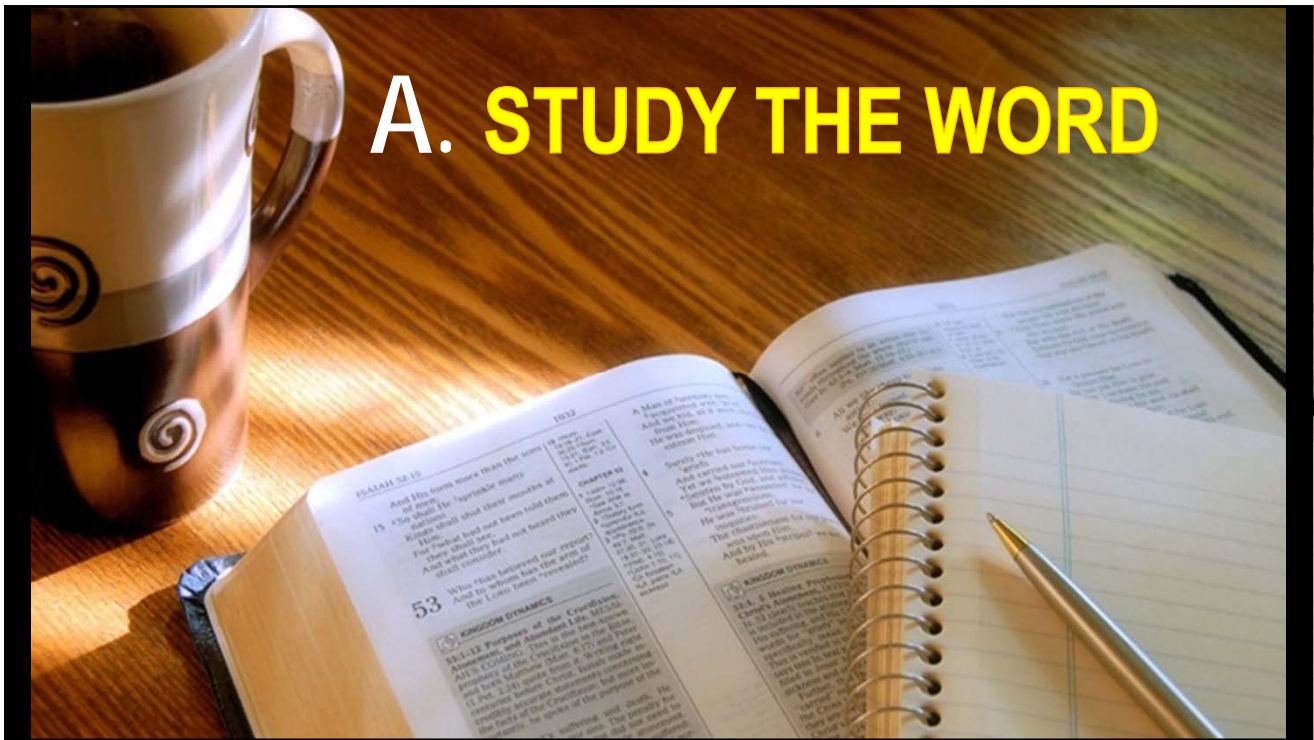
- ¹ **Comfort, comfort** my people, says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her **iniquity is pardoned**, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.



Isaiah 40:3-5

- ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ **Every valley shall be lifted up**, and **every mountain and hill be made low**; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."





A. STUDY THE WORD

Isaiah 40:6-8

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the **flower of the field**. ⁷ The grass **withers**, the flower **fades**

when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, **but**

the **Word of our God** will **stand forever**.



Isaiah 40:1, 3, 9

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, **says your God...**

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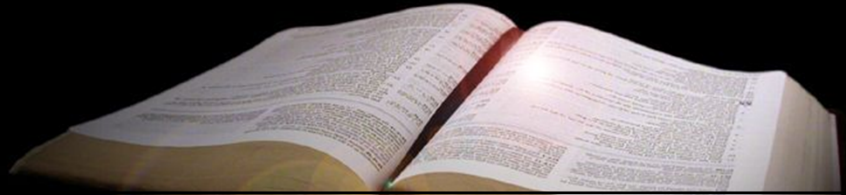
Isaiah 40:10-14

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.



Isaiah 40:10-14

¹² **Who** has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?



Isaiah 40:10-14

¹³ **Who** has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? ¹⁴ **Whom** did he consult, and **who** made him understand? **Who** taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?



Isaiah 40:10-11

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and **his arm** rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in **his arms**; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.



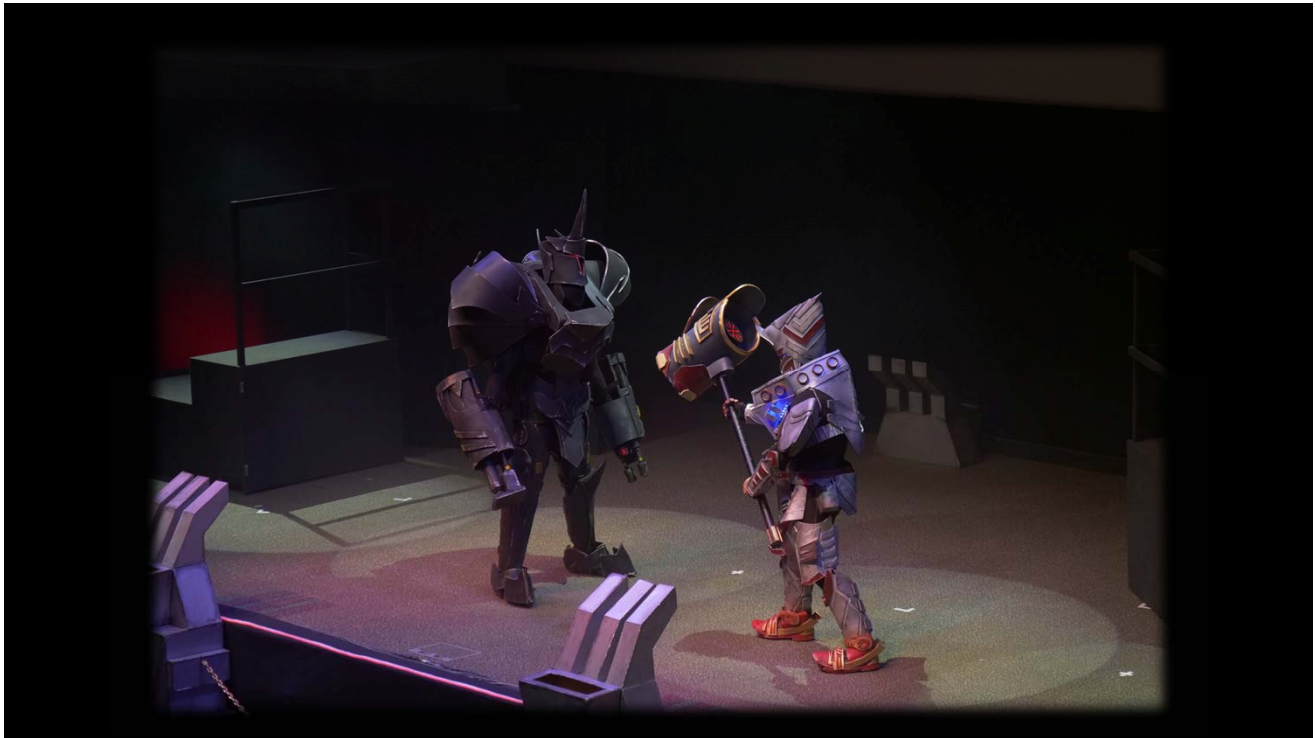
Behold your God

- God is **gracious**.
- God is **gentle**.
- God is **great**.

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

A.W. Tozer





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Welcome to the House of the Lord!

Scripture Meditation

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.



What kind of God
do you have



1. Bible Reading
2. Scripture Memory
3. Study a Book from the Bible

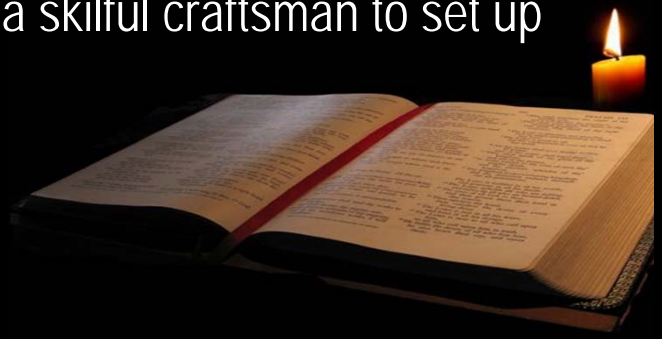


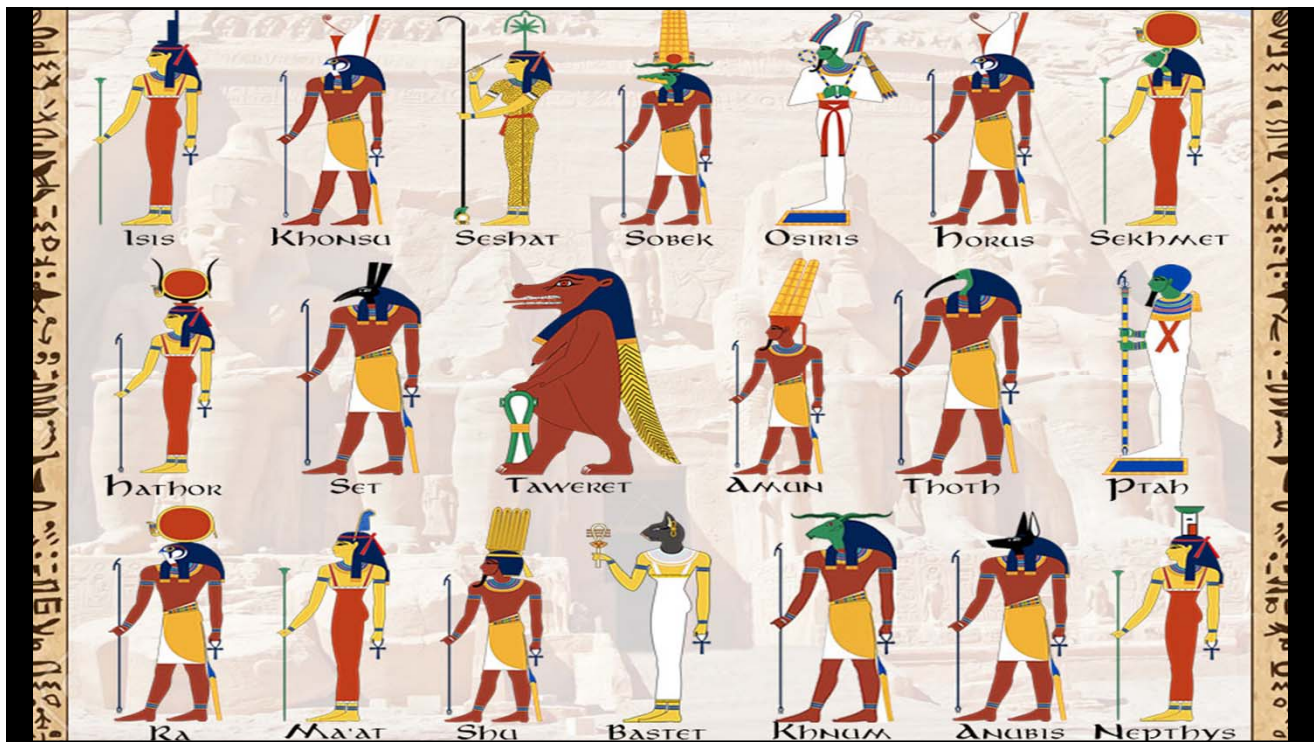
B. SURRENDER OUR IDOLS



Isaiah 40:18-20

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? ¹⁹ An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. ²⁰ He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skilful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.





Isaiah 40:25-27

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these, who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "**My way is hidden** from the LORD, and **my right is disregarded** by my God"?





C. STRENGTHEN OUR WALK



Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.



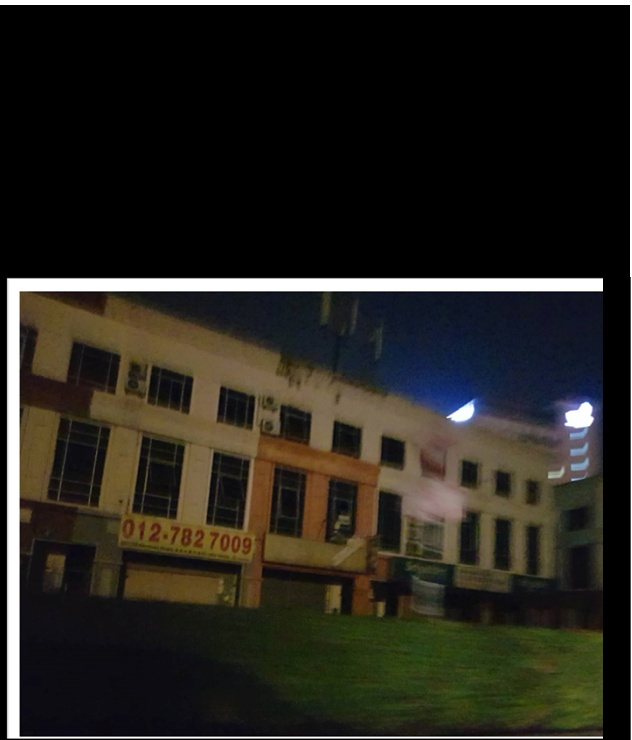
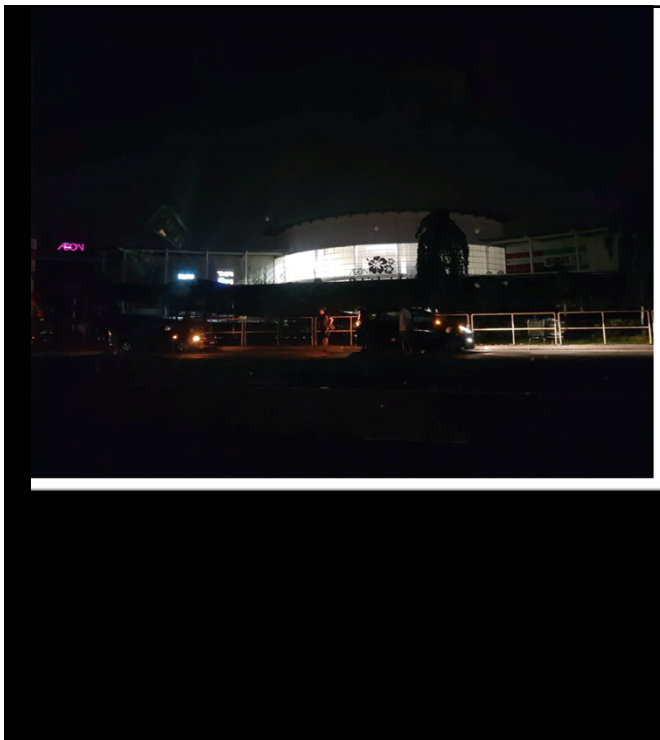
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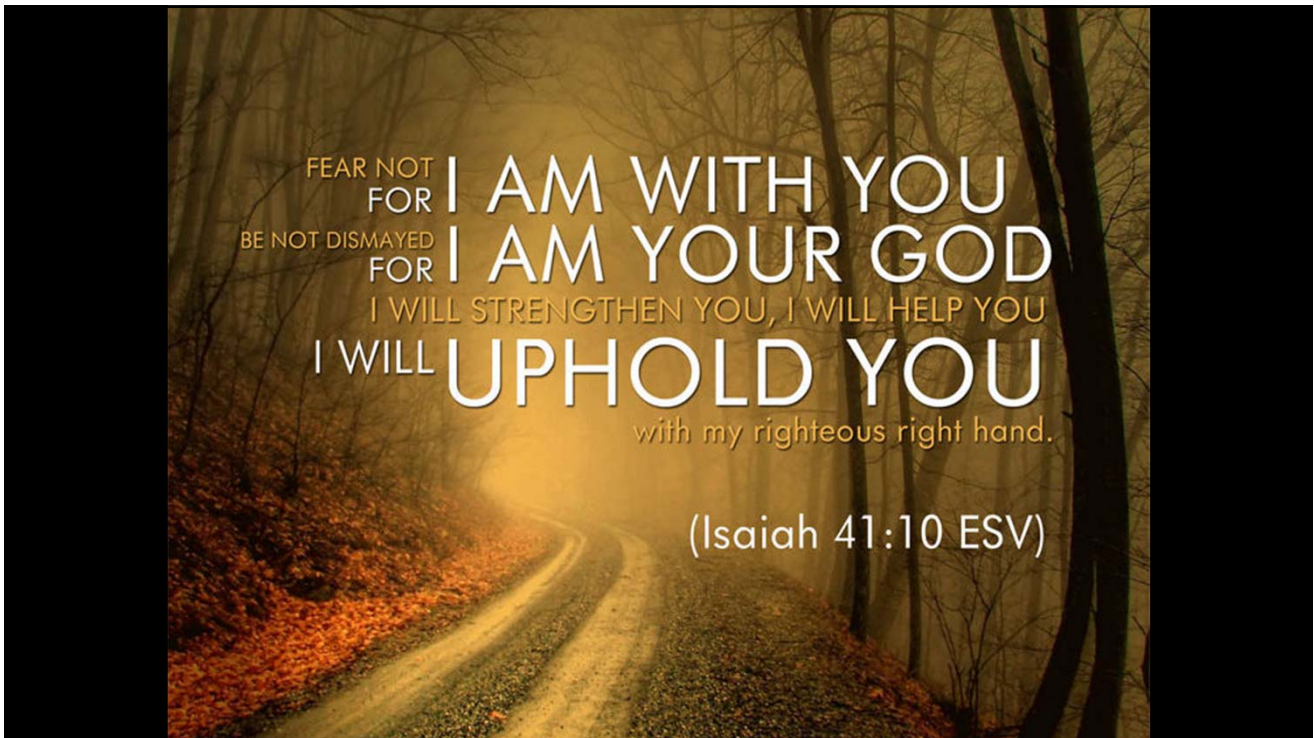
³⁰ Even **youths** shall faint and be weary, and **young men** shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but **they who wait for the LORD** shall **renew** their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



FEAR NOT FOR I AM WITH YOU
BE NOT DISMAYED FOR I AM YOUR GOD
I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, I WILL HELP YOU
I WILL UPHOLD YOU
with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10 ESV)









So fear not, I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for
I am your God ...

... they who wait for
the LORD shall renew
their strength; they shall
mount up with wings like

eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and
not faint.

Isaiah 41:10; 40:31

How is your walk
with the Lord



1. **Study the Word** of God
2. **Surrender our idols** to God
3. **Strengthen our walk** with God



