

Sermon Title: PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION

Date: January 5, 2025 - Isaiah 40:28-31

Central Idea: God knows how we feel and what we fear, and He is adequate to meet our every need. Are you trusting God?

Introduction: The Jewish exiles living under a kind of mass house arrest in Babylon felt abandoned by God. Instead of praising the Lord, the nation was complaining to Him that He acted as though He did not know their situation or have any concern for their problems. Instead of seeing the open door, the Jews saw only the long road before them, and they complained that they did not have strength for the journey. It seemed that God was asking them to do the impossible.

Our Despair v. 27

God's Greatness vv. 28-29

God is eternal.

God is the creator.

God is always at work.

God is wise.

Our Renewal vv. 30-31

Power beyond ourselves v.30

Power to do the impossible v. 31

Conclusion:

We're all weak. But we don't have to be supermen! God simply calls us to believe what we say we believe and to set our hearts on things above. If we will do this, that longing for God is the channel through which His power will lift us and renew us and cheer us all the way there.