

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Fear not, God is with us!

Isaiah 41:1-20

September 4, 2016

Sermon Text	Sermon Outline
<p>Isaiah 41:1 Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment. [2] Who stirred up one from the east whom victory meets at every step? He gives up nations before him, so that he tramples kings underfoot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow. [3] He pursues them and passes on safely, by paths his feet have not trod. [4] Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he. [5] The coastlands have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. [6] Everyone helps his neighbor and says to his brother, "Be strong!" [7] The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good"; and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved. [8] But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; [9] you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; [10] 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. [11] Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. [12] You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. [13] For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." [14] Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. [15] Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and crush them, and you shall make the hills like chaff; [16] you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the tempest shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the Lord; in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory. [17] When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. [18] I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. [19] I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive. I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, [20] that they may see and know, may consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.</p>	<p>Knowing God is sovereign over all circumstances, even when things seem bleak, serves to relieve our fears.</p> <p>I. Know who is in control (1-7)</p> <p>II. Know your relationship to the One who is in control (8-20)</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss this statement from A.W. Pink-

The truth of God's sovereignty is the foundation of the comfort of the people of God. Only if we know that God is in control, our God, the God who is our Father for Jesus' sake, can we have the assurance that all is well. If there is some other power in this world besides the almighty power of our God, some power over which God does not have control, we must be fearful and afraid. -

A.W. Pink

2. What are some reasons Christians might ignore or even deny the absolute sovereignty of God?

3. "God is sovereign and He is with us"- Discuss how these two truths serve to relieve our fears.

4. Discuss this statement from John Calvin-

"For I am with thee." This is a solid foundation of confidence, and if it be fixed in our minds, we shall be able to stand firm and unshaken against temptations of every kind. In like manner, when we think that God is absent, or doubt whether or not he will be willing to assist us, we are agitated by fear, and tossed about amidst many storms of distrust. But if we stand firm on this foundation, we shall not be overwhelmed by any assaults or tempests.

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: