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Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob,
And speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD
And my justice is disregarded by my
God”?

Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
He does not grow faint,
And does not grow weary.
His understanding is unsearchable.
One who gives strength to the faint,
And to one who lacks might, he
makes his strength great.
And youths grow faint and grow
weary,
And young men will surely stumble,
But those who wait on the LORD
will gain new strength,
they will be lifted up, as a wing on
the eagles.
They will run and not grow weary;
they will walk and not grow faint.

Please pray for me:

- To have a great week's vacation at home this week. My good friend Katie is coming to visit for a few days.
- I jump into the new school year with three days of meetings the week of August 23rd. Please pray God will give us wisdom and good communication, as we lay out plans for the year.
- August 30 I fly to San Francisco for a week of meetings with the other Leadership Development Directors from around the nation. We too need wisdom and good communication.
- I also need stamina for all of these meetings!!!

I just got back from handing in my paper and I want to tell you about this past month before taking some much needed rest next week. You may recall from my last letter that I've been home taking classes nearby at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

Over the past four weeks, I have read 1000 pages, translated nine chapters from Hebrew to English - mostly from the prophet Isaiah, spent thirty hours in class, taken a mid-term and a final, written a thirty page paper, and studied for countless hours.

When I told one friend about the workload, she commented that I would likely learn a lot more than just from the class. She was so right.

I gained an appreciation for perseverance and the value of just taking a one little step at a time while clinging to God. There were times when I really did not think I could do what was required of me. I felt stuck and overwhelmed.

Isn't that so like life? Don't we face situations where it just does not seem possible to proceed? Yet, proceed we must. But how? One of the great benefits of being a Christian is that God is always with us with His power available to us. Living in dependence upon Him brings joy and glory to God while it helps us.

Thanks for your prayers and your financial support.
My life and ministry are blessed because of you.

Grateful to the Lord,

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