Be Calm..... Be Strong!
Isaiah 41:9-10
Sermon Outline

A. God Sought Us; No Way He Would Leave Us (vs. 9):

1. God from the past to the present with no intent of stopping in the future followed his conviction to, without restraint, to use his strength to move Abraham from Ur to the Chaldean. God apply himself as if to capture someone from war. God was steadfastly focused on accomplishing moving Abraham from his homeland.

2. God had a specific plan that was not going to stop calling out. He expected Abraham to accomplish exactly what He specifically spoke to him about.

3. Abraham must serve God like a humble man who faithfully serves his master.

4. Abraham belongs to God because God said he is ‘my servant.’

   a) God’s chosen servant (41:8–13), because God was working on their behalf. In spite of their past rebellion, Israel was not cast away by the Lord. The Jewish captives did not need to fear either Cyrus or Babylon, because Cyrus was working for God, and Babylon would be no more. As you read this paragraph, you sense God’s love for His people and His desire to encourage them to trust Him for the future.[1]

5. God with no intent to ever change in mind, made a decisive decision to select Abraham from among all the peoples on the earth.

6. God chose us and did everything to establish a relationship with us.

   a) The Lord remains their God (cf. Isa. 43:3) so He will continue to be with them (cf. 43:5) and strengthen (cf. 40:31), help (cf. 41:13–14), and uphold them.[2]

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B. He is Always a Present Help (vs. 10):

1. They must not become terrified, being highly emotional, because of all the see around them that can create harm to them.

   a) Notice God did not say that He will control it for him, nor He will take away the things to fear, He just told him to control this based on God’s commitment to be with him to help him and strengthen him like a soldier is strengthen for war as he fights fierce battles.
2. They must not allow the fear to cause them to take specific notice of the terrible things taking place around them as if to approve whether or not they should be afraid.
3. Circumstances must not control us so much it causes fear to dominate us.
4. There is no need to anxiously look around in fear because God is sovereign, He is supreme over all creation, He judges all the earth and provides salvation for all those who walk with Him.
   a) The term indicates God’s sovereign rule over the earth (v. 4). The Lord had punished Israel (42:18–25), but had not cast them away (29:22–24).
5. God is steadfast and immovable about providing inner power (1 John 4:4) to resist the acts of the enemy. His strength is superior to all that we may experience.
   a) Yahweh insists that he has strengthened, has helped, has upheld Israel throughout her ordeal. The implication is that she would never have survived if that were not so. *By the right hand of my salvation* (ךֶֶַָָדָּיָּ). The symbol for Divine intervention in human affairs, God’s right hand, is associated with יָנות, the same word used in v 2 for Cyrus. It carries the meaning of “right,” of “success,” and of “salvation.” God’s righteous, successful, saving action in history has benefited Israel.[3]
6. God is in a set state of providing assistance like an army coming to the aid of its neighbor.
7. God in His mighty power keeps us lifted.
8. God in His mighty power exalts us in due season (1 Peter 5:6-11).
9. God sustains His people based on His righteous standards that He adjust for no one.
10. God takes the position in His kingdom that provides Him the opportunity to give us all the strength we need to endure the struggles we may experience.
   a) God had bared His right hand at the first Exodus in order to destroy the power of Pharaoh (Ex. 15:6): the phrase indicates His sovereignty and strength over all who oppose Him (40:10).[4]

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