

God Wants to Make a Deal

Isaiah 41:10

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Intro:

1. This is a text that anticipates our needs.
 - a. Meets us in anxiety and brings assurance.
 - b. Moves us from fear to faith.
2. Let's see today what God wants to do for His children.
 - a. If you are a Christian, God longs to bless you.
 - b. He longs to exchange His peace for your pain.

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I. God Wants to Trade His Fellowship for Our Fears

- A. There are four basic fears:
 - a. Fear of death
 - b. Fear of failure
 - c. Fear of losing security
 - d. Fear of the future
- B. God answers all these fears:
 - a. Death = "to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21)
 - b. Failure = "I can do all things" (Phil. 4:13)
 - c. Security = "My God will supply all your need" (Phil. 4:19)
 - d. Future = "Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20)
- C. God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5-6)

II. God Wants to Trade His Comfort for Our Confusion

- A. Be not dismayed; for I am thy God.
- B. Dismay = "Why did this happen to me?"
- C. Confusion = can't understand why God allows trials
- D. God owns us as His own; even in tough times
- E. Whatever happens, we belong to Him!

III. God Wants to Trade His Strength for Our Weakness

- A. "I will strengthen you"
- B. Many reasons for feeling weak:
 - a. Sickness
 - b. Regrets over past failures
 - c. Conflicts with the enemy
- C. Consider His strength (Isaiah 40:28-31)
 - a. God never becomes weary, never feels faint
 - b. Instead, He gives power to the weak
 - c. He imparts strength to those He loves

IV. God Wants to Trade His Help for our Helplessness

- A. "I will help you"
- B. Sometimes we reach a point where all we can do is cry for help.
- C. We reach the end of our rope. Our strength is gone.
- D. If you are at that point today, cry out and reach out to Jesus. He's reaching out to you.

V. God Wants to Trade His Righteousness for Your Rags

- A. Our righteousness is like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6)
- B. Jesus made God's perfect righteousness available through faith
 - a. He took our sins upon Himself
 - b. We receive His righteousness through faith
- C. "The Right Hand of Righteousness"
 - a. Christ the Son at His right hand
 - b. There He intercedes for us.

Conclusion:

- Come exchange your problems for God's solutions
- Christ is sufficient for all your needs