



Be Strong, Do not Fear, Your God Will Come!

Isaiah 35

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Our present behavior is determined by what we believe our ultimate future to be.

Christian hope is unique for 2 reasons:

1. There is a _____ to God's future because of the _____.
2. Our hope is not just for an ethereal future, but a _____, _____ future.

In God's hope-filled future:

1. _____ bursts forth!
2. God steps in to _____! Because we know that, we can:
 - Strengthen the hands that have gone limp—overcome _____
 - Steady the knees that shake—overcome _____
 - Tell those who panic, "Be strong! Do not fear!" - overcome _____
3. Every _____ is restored to _____!
4. We will travel the _____ highway with _____!

Going Deeper (questions for groups):

1. Isaiah has been called the prophet of hope. Read through this passage and circle the statements that you find especially hopeful (it might be every verse!).
2. Describe a physical setting that you have been in that comes the closest to the description in verses 1-2. What feelings do you associate with that place?
3. Tell us about a dry desert (metaphorically) that you have been in. Did God come to your aid? What did that look like?
4. What three physical characteristics are described in verses 3 and 4? What emotions do they represent? Which of them come closest to something you have been through lately? Tell us about it.
5. Why is fear such a dangerous enemy? In what ways do you deal with fear? How do these verses speak to you?
6. Describe the highway of holiness. What are the characteristics? List them. What does the metaphor of highway say to you? How does that metaphor speak into our current experience?
7. We talk about CCA being a hub of hope. How does this passage help us understand what this looks like?