

## Jesus, our Hope in Despair! Oct. 30, 2022 – Isaiah 40:28-29

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Two Biblical Truths that Help Us in Our Despair:					
1.	The source of life and strength is the God who will never <u>die</u> and never lose <u>power!</u>				
2.	In times of weariness and despair, it is our <b>hope</b> in God that pulls us up and sees us through.				
В	ottom Line: Put Your Hope in <u>Jesus</u> !				

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Would you be willing to share a time of despair in your own life?
- 2. What were some of your feelings or questions you had for God at the time?
- 3. How do you reconcile God's sovereignty and our tragedy?
- 4. In what ways do you find comfort and hope in Isaiah 40:28-31?
- 5. What does it look like for us to look to Jesus every day, especially in times of despair?
- 6. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

## **Next Steps:**

- 1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
- 2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at <a href="mailto:pi@fbclowell.org">pi@fbclowell.org</a>.
- 3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
- 4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

October 2022 Two Year Bible Reading Plan					
Week 1 Starting Oct. 3	Week 2 Starting Oct. 10	Week 3 Starting Oct. 17	Week 4 Starting Oct. 24	Week 5 Starting Oct. 31	
Day 1: 2 Kings 18	Day 1: Isaiah 1-2	Day 1: Isaiah 13-14	Day 1: Isaiah 26-27	Day 1: Isaiah 38-39	
Day 2: 2 Kings 19-20	Day 2: Isaiah 3-4	Day 2: Isaiah 15-17	Day 2: Isaiah 28-29	Day 2: Isaiah 40-41	
Day 3: 2 Kings 21-22	Day 3: Isaiah 5-7	Day 3: Isaiah 18-20	Day 3: Isaiah 30-31	Day 3: Isaiah 42-43	
Day 4: 2 Kings 23	Day 4: Isaiah 8-9	Day 4: Isaiah 21-23	Day 4: Isaiah 32-34	Day 4: Isaiah 44-45	
Day 5: 2 Kings 24-25	Day 5: Isaiah 10-12	Day 5: Isaiah 24-25	Day 5: Isaiah 35-37	Day 5: Isaiah 46-47	

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

-Isaiah 53:5-7 (NIV)

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?