

Title: Word of Comfort IV
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Isaiah 40:1-2

¹ “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. ² “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.”

a: To find grace

Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1: See God wrapped in skin

- empathy – He ‘feels’ me
- sympathy – He ‘feels’ for me
- look into eyes of grace – sin or weakness?

2: Choose confidence over fear

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

- Fear of death

Hebrews 2:14-15 NIV

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

- Fear of man

Proverbs 29:25 NKJV

²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

- Fear of the Lord

Acts 9:31 NIV

³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

Psalms 31:19 NIV

¹⁹ How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.