

When Mountains Don't Move
Prayer :: Connecting to God
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Interested in exploring today's message a bit more deeply?

“Those who wait on the Lord, he shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40.31

There are times when we wait on God, asking him to move a personal mountain in our life and he answers in amazing, even miraculous, ways – we soar on wings like eagles. Can you describe a time in your life when you sensed this?

Yet there are other times when we seek God about a challenge and, rather than an incredible answer to our prayer that allows us to fly above and beyond it, we find ourselves running through the midst of it. God is present and we are making headway, we are running and not growing weary. Describe a specific time when you experienced this in your life.

Although we would probably prefer to soar over life's difficulties or at least run through them, oftentimes we take our personal mountains to God and learn that God's answer is that he will sustain and encourage us as we put one foot in front of the other – we walk through them, but we do not faint. Can you recall a time when you have walked through a particular struggle or issue? Perhaps you are experiencing this now in your life.

Did you or do you sense God's presence?

How has God provided strength for you, keeping you from fainting under the weight of this challenge?

There is an incredible book in the Old Testament that describes one man's experience as he faced seemingly unmovable mountains in his life. I encourage you to take some time and read through the book of Job to see how he dealt with these mountains and how God sustained him. He, like many of us, found himself walking more than soaring... yet God was faithful. Job is found just before the Psalms in the Old Testament.

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