



**SERIES: APRIL – YES, YOU CAN! OVERCOMING YOUR STRUGGLES**

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**Scripture: Isaiah 40:29-31**

**TITLE: Recharge for Success**

A couple of years ago, we bought our son a drone. We were pumped to have a toy like this. I mean, just think about being able to spy on our neighbors a block away! Just kidding. When we unboxed the drone, the instructions said, “Before using, fully charge battery.” I thought that’s stupid. Batteries should be fully charged. And then I saw that charging can take up to 3 hours.

I decided 30 minutes was enough. I plugged the battery into the drone after a quick recharge. The drone took off, and after 30 seconds, it came crashing down on my roof. My impatience was met with reality. Patience is a virtue. Why settle for less when there is a benefit to waiting.

Well, Isaiah has a message for you today if you’re tired of waiting. If you’re tired of your season of waiting, this is what Isaiah has for you today in Isaiah 40:29-31.

*He gives strength to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Youths may become faint and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.*

I don’t like waiting for food, for a battery to recharge, or when enduring a hard season of life. The key to patience is knowing why we are waiting and who is overseeing it all. Isaiah says that God gives strength to the faint and strengthens the powerless. He fills the tank with spiritual fuel and provides a charge to the battery when plugged into Him.

And then in verse 31 it says that “those who trust.” The ESV says, “those that wait on the Lord.” Those who are patient when walking with the Lord will renew their strength. They will be prepared to persevere. They will continue to walk in faith and not give up.

I know that when the result is secured, it is easier to wait. When the one we are waiting for is trustworthy, we can find joy in the journey. When the end is worth the means, we can endure with excitement. The question is will we stay plugged in to the one who provides the provision and the outcome?

That’s why my challenge for you is to stay plugged into God. Whenever we grow weary, the key is not to wander or to wonder where God is. Even when we can’t see Him or feel Him, He is still there. So we need to stay plugged in to get recharged to keep going.

How? By engaging in God's Word, talking with Him in prayer, getting encouraged through the community of believers, and hearing from God through study. Where can you do this? Right here in goTandem. So stay plugged in and get recharged today.

When we're connected to the source of power and hope, we will win the day.