

ORDINARY TIME: EXTRA-ORDINARY DAYS

See You at The Top

Isaiah 40:21-31

- i. It is easy to forget things. What have you forgotten lately? Your mask?
- ii. When the pressure is on and the throat begins to tighten, we can forget. The challenge of faith is to remember what we ought never forget. This is easier said than done sometimes.

THREE TRUTHS TO REMEMBER FROM ISAIAH...

I. GOD HAS THIS (1-26)

- a. The language is a strong reminder to never forget.
- b. However, theological statements don't really work when we feel so worn down:
 - i. In the face of cancer
 - ii. In the face of a pandemic
 - iii. In the face of unrest
 - iv. In the face of racial injustice
 - v. In the face of economic uncertainty
- c. In 1 Kings 19 the prophet Elijah forgot.
- d. In this text Isaiah asks us not to forget that God has this.
- e. The African proverb, "If the mountain was smooth, you could not climb it."

II. GOD HAS YOU (27-31)

- a. Notice how personal verses 30 and 31 really are.
- b. Consider the true story of Margaret Stacy...

III. GOD IS AT YOUR SIDE

- a. The table is the most poignant reminder of this close walk.
- b. Do this in remembrance of me.
- c. See you at the top