

Homework

I Will Help you

Winter 2025 | Week 2

Message Date 1/19/2025

MY STORY

- 1) If you were a kitchen appliance, which one would you be and why?
- 2) What's the weirdest food combination you secretly enjoy that would shock everyone in this group?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Isaiah 41:13-20 (NIV)

"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. ¹⁴ Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you," declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵ "See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff. ¹⁶ You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will blow them away. But you will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁷ "The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. ¹⁸ I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs. ¹⁹ I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together, ²⁰ so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it."

- 4) What does the image of God "taking hold of your right hand" and saying, "Do not fear; I will help you," reveal about His character and approach to guiding His people? How might this reassurance apply to someone facing challenges in today's world?

- 5) Pastor Craig talked about this help from God being missed by people. What are some of the reasons that people miss the help of God?
- 6) What is hardness of heart? What does it look like in real practice in our lives? Can you be hard-hearted in one area and not in another towards God?
- 7) Pastor Craig talked about a list of things that hard-heartedness keeps us from. What are some of these things, and are there other things that he didn't add?
- 8) Is there an area in your life that you are hard-hearted and are wrestling with, or have you done this in the past? What was it and how did you overcome it?
- 9) What does it mean to be teachable? How is being teachable connected to being humble? Is there anything you need to do to be teachable?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection questions for Chair Time. Think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Read again the passage from Isaiah 41. Is there anything that jumps out at you about God's character?
- 2) Is there an area of hardness of heart in your life?
- 3) Is there something you need to surrender to God and be teachable in?