

Thank you for being
God's servant

Reading Isaiah 42 as we mark 1 year of SIP



What a year it has been... HONESTLY?!

Giving Voice to Lament

Hitting the Wall

Done. Done. Done.

Could you use SOME GOOD NEWS!?





Isaiah, Looking Beyond

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Israel was God's chosen servant -- but blind in so many ways

Isaiah 41:8-10

But YOU, Israel, my **servant**, Jacob, whom I have **chosen**, the offspring of Abraham, my **friend**;

YOU whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "**YOU are my servant**, I have **chosen** YOU and not cast YOU off";

do not fear, for I am with YOU, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen YOU, I will help YOU, I will uphold YOU with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 42:18-20

Listen, you that are deaf;

And you that are **blind**, look up and see!

Who is **blind** but my servant,

Or deaf like my messenger whom I send?

Who is **blind** like my dedicated one,

Or **blind** like the servant of the Lord?

He sees many things, but does not observe them,

His ears are open, but he does not hear.



Isaiah 42:1-3

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; He will
bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
Or make it heard in the street;

3 a bruised reed he will not break,

And a dimly burning wick he will
not quench; He will faithfully bring
forth justice.

JESUS fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy about
THE Servant of God

who would do what
NO ONE had ever done before



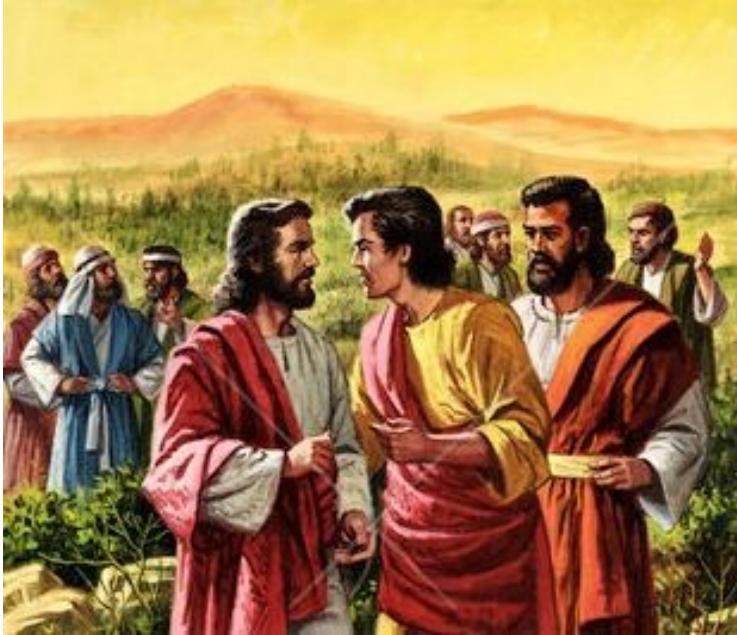
6 I am **the LORD**,
I have called **you** in righteousness,
I have taken **you** by the hand and kept you;
I have given **you** as a covenant to the
people,

a light to the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am **the LORD**, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to
idols.





“What do you want me to do for you?”

(Mark 10:36)

(Mark 10:51)

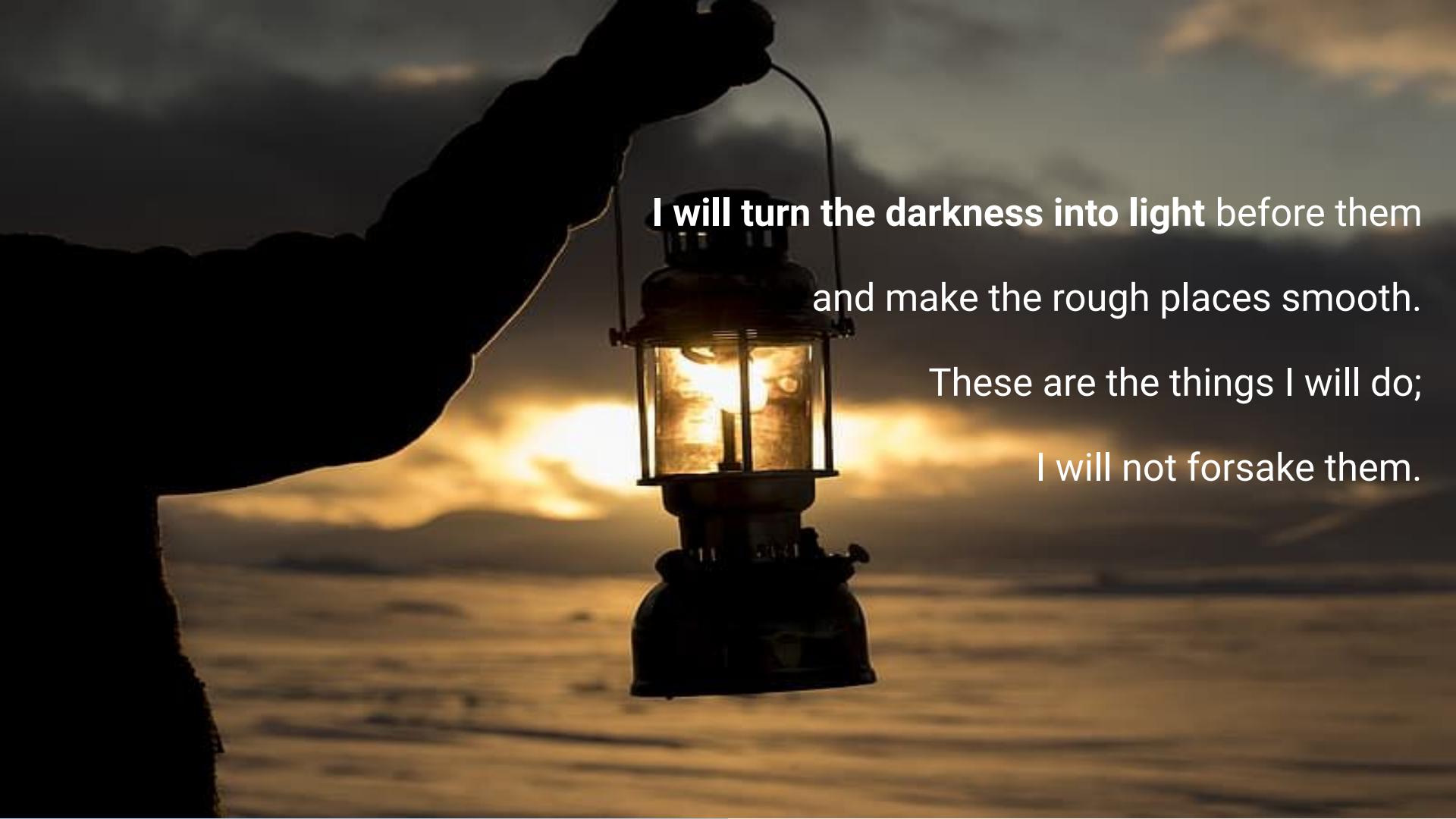
If you've ever
felt...

- Completely wrong
- Directionless
- Alone
- Desperate
- Clueless
- Confused
- Bumbling about in the dark
- Blind-sided by attack, defenseless

Isaiah 42:16

I will lead the blind by a road
they do not know, by paths
they have not known I will
guide them.



A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders holding a lantern. The lantern is lit, casting a warm glow. The background is a sunset or sunrise over water, with dark clouds and a bright horizon.

I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.

These are the things I will do;
I will not forsake them.



YOU are the light of the world.

A city on a hill cannot be hidden!

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,

But on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others. (Matthew 5:14)

“Woe to you, **blind guides**...woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

For you tithe Mint, Dill, + Cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law:

Justice and Mercy and Faith.

It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

You **blind guides**! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!”



Now, as he was going along approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

“Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel. I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”



An Ask

SO many of you do SO much for this community. THANK YOU. From the bottom of our hearts. You have inspired us and encouraged us greatly.

To those who haven't contributed much in the past, would you consider helping P Mark and myself out more? We could really benefit from your support on a variety of levels.

As we anticipate
March 17th,
let St. Patrick
be an inspiration



Saint Patrick of Ireland



Statue of St. Patrick
on top of the Hill of Slane

He brought the light

According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the 5th century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill.

In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work.

Humble Servant of God

“But I pray those who believe and fear God,
whosoever has deigned to scan or
accept this document, composed in Ireland by

Patrick the sinner, an unlearned man
to be sure,

that none should ever say that it was my ignorance
that accomplished any small thing which I did or
showed in accordance with God’s will;

but judge ye, and let it be most truly believed, that **it was the gift of God**. And this
is my confession before I die.”



St Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today...

Video from Thurs Bible Study

I rise today

In power's strength,

Invoking the Trinity,

Believing in threeness,

Confessing the oneness,

Of creation's Creator.

I rise today

In the power of Christ's birth and baptism,

In the power of his crucifixion and burial,

In the power of his rising and ascending,

In the power of his descending and judging.

I rise today

In the power of the love of cherubim,

In the obedience of angels, And service of archangels,

In hope of rising to receive the reward,

In the prayers of patriarchs, In the predictions of prophets,

In the preaching of apostles, in the faith of confessors,

in the innocence of holy virgins, in the deeds of the righteous.

I rise today

In heaven's might, In sun's brightness,

In moon's radiance, In fire's glory,

In lightning's quickness, In wind's swiftness,

In sea's depth, In earth's stability,

In rock's fixity.

I rise today

With the power of God to pilot me,

God's strength to sustain me, God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look ahead for me, God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me, God's hand to protect me,

God's way before me, God's shield to defend me,

God's host to deliver me:

From snares of devils,

From evil temptations,

From nature's failing,

From all who wish to harm me,

Far or near,

Alone and in a crowd.

Around me I gather today all these powers
Against every cruel and merciless force, To attack my body and soul,
Against the charms of false prophets, The black laws of paganism,
The false laws of heretics, The deceptions of idolatry,
Against spells cast by women*, smiths and druids,
And all unlawful knowledge that harms the body and soul.

May Christ protect me today
Against poison and burning,
Against drowning and wounding,
So that I may have abundant reward;
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me;
Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ to right of me, Christ to left of me;

Christ in my lying, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising;

Christ in the heart of all who think of me.

Christ on the tongue of all who speak to me,

Christ in the eye of all who see me,

Christ in the ear of all who hear me.

I rise today

In power's strength, invoking the Trinity,

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For to the Lord belongs salvation,

And to the Lord belongs salvation

And to Christ belongs salvation

May your salvation, Lord, be with us always.

Let's keep responding to
God's call to be his servants
in this world

Humble, gentle friends of God, upheld by his Spirit
Bringing justice/righteousness & light

Hold out the Light of Christ