



## Kate Brown: *Your Love is my Love*

### APPETIZER: What a Friend we have in Jesus

#### Replacing Lies with Love

- Our human need for love and acceptance is fulfilled by Jesus.
- Our own insecurities and fears block our awareness of His presence.

Immanuel = *God with us!*

### DINE IN: The Reason for our Hope

- Isaiah the son of Amoz was a prophet in 8<sup>th</sup> century BC.
- His prophecies, oracles and reports form the book of Isaiah.
- Isaiah's words were for the people of Israel and Judah, who were faced with the threat of war, the loss of their homes and lives.
- The major theme of Isaiah is trusting in the Lord for strength.

Renew = Chalaph, a Hebrew word that means *exchange* or *gain anew*.

Isaiah 40:31

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6

- How did we receive Him?
- How do we continue to live in Him?

**Philippians 2:13, Colossians 1:27, Philippians 1:21, 1 Peter 3:15, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 4:12-13, Philippians 4:19-20, Luke 15:31, Ephesians 3:19, 1 John 4:8, Psalm 139:5-9**

### TAKE OUT: Life of the Beloved

It's a choice to surrender our own efforts and trust Jesus.

Today we accept who God tells us that we are by faith. God declares that we are his heirs and co-heirs with Christ. We have every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

- You are His Beloved child.
- Remain in His perfect love that casts out fear.

When we give up on living out of our own effort and place all of our hope in the Lord, He will exchange His unlimited resources and strength for ours.

### NEXT WEEK: Spiritual Parenting

Next week we will hear from Natalie Frisk, Curriculum Pastor and Jon Hand, Site Leadership Pastor on Jesus' redefinition of family!

## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Review Sunday's message. Talk about what most encouraged, convicted, or puzzled you.

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **Isaiah 40:25-31**.
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
  - b. In verse 27, we read that the people of Israel (Jacob is another name for Israel) are complaining that God does not see them, and has disregarded their cause. What is happening to the nation of Israel and Judah at this time? Use your study notes and study bibles to understand the context of the book of Isaiah.
  - c. Can you relate to the sense that God doesn't 'see' you, or has disregarded your situation? Share some of these experiences with your group
  - d. How is verse 28-31 good news to the weak and weary? How would you explain this good news to someone who doesn't believe in Jesus? Role-play in your group, paying careful attention to using language that is free of Christian jargon.
  - e. You have every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. Which of God's blessings do you need to claim by faith and pray that God makes real for you? Look up and read Scripture passages with your group from the *Dine In* notes or contribute verses that have been encouraging in your spiritual life.

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. Pray with your huddle and ask God to reveal to you any attachments or ways that you are meeting your own needs apart from Him. Share what came to mind with your huddle and talk together about how you can support each other in surrendering these needs.

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## Quotes

We must be brought to a place where, naturally gifted though we may be, we dare not speak except in conscious and continual dependence on Him. The Christian life from start to finish is based upon this principle of utter dependence upon the Lord Jesus.  
~Watchmen Nee

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.  
~Apostle Paul

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.  
~Apostle Paul

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.  
~Apostle Paul

There are those who have a life they never live. They have come to Christ and thanked Him only for what He did, but do not live in the power of who He is.  
- Major Ian Thomas

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."  
~Apostle Paul

For my part I keep myself retired with Him in the depth of centre of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing.  
-Brother Lawrence

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
-God

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!  
~Apostle Paul

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...  
~Apostle Paul

Cause Your love is my love  
And my love is your love.  
-Whitney Houston