

Lenten Devotional 4

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Meditation Verses: [Isaiah 40:28-31](#)

The Healer of Brokenness

I first remember reading this passage when I was in my youth and found myself stumbling, collapsing and just plain lost. My world literally stopped...or at least it seemed that way. I floundered. I fell. I didn't know if I would ever rise again. I was weary. I was tired. Most definitely, I was in a way I didn't think was humanly possible.

This reading said that that God knew that even youth grow tired and weary. Even though I didn't understand how God was present and would help me, I found a glimmer of hope in these word that penetrated all the pain that surrounded me. I began to see and deal that God's help and loving relationship is available to all persons who are stumbling, collapsing, or just plain lost.

We often find it difficult imagining how folks deal with such pain without knowing God. We all need support as we walk this journey called life. The world's options for coping with pain and darkness often are ineffective and even worthless.

The challenge for all of us is to experience the process of healing as stated in Isaiah and to meditate on these words and recognize that God is present in all our struggles even when we suffer from addiction. Whether we love and care for someone who is spiraling out of control with the misuse of street or prescription drugs... God is present! God will give us hope and begin the process of healing to soar with the eagles.

Prayer: *Everlasting God, thank you for reaching out to me and all of us when we stumble and fall. I am grateful for the strength that you give. Fill me with your healing spirit. Amen.*

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