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TURN A CORNER!

Isaiah 40:29-31 describes not only individual renewal but also group renewal:

“[God] gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord [or wait on the Lord]
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not faint.”

“They”! “The weary”! “The weak”! “Youths”! “Young men”!

The Holy Spirit can renew groups. Is your family or your small group feeling weak and weary? Is your church experiencing a “stumbling and falling” time?

Why don't you be the one to step forward and say, “Let's have a time of waiting on the Lord; let's seek His face and ask Him to renew us together”?

Protracted prayer, perhaps fasting and prayer, is needed to wait on Him, wait for Him, wait in Him, wait before Him –

- Until your hope is again in Him, –
- Until He becomes all in all to you as a group, –
- Until strength returns,

And purpose

And courage

And fresh vision of the future.

Renewal! Seek it in your group! Turn a corner!