

## OUR STORYLINE

YOU WERE CREATED FOR CONNECTION: CONNECTION TO CHRIST AND TO A COMMUNITY OF HIS FOLLOWERS. BUT FEAR GETS IN THE WAY, WHICH CAN MAKE YOU FEEL HOPELESS. AND NO ONE IN A CHURCH SHOULD EVER FEEL HOPELESS.

AT NEW HARVEST CHURCH, WE UNDERSTAND. WE'VE EXPERIENCED THE SAME FEAR AND FAILURES. BUT WE'VE ACCEPTED CHRIST'S INVITATION TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR AND TO OPEN OURSELVES TO DEEP, MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS.

WHEN YOU OPEN UP AND LET GO OF FEAR, YOU CAN GO FROM HOPELESS TO HOPEFUL AND START LIVING A LIFE OVERFLOWING WITH JOY, GRACE, AND COMPASSION.

### HOW NARROW IS NARROW?

Next Sunday, January 10, we jump back into The Gospel of Luke. It is always helpful to learn from Jesus. He has urgency in his words as we are on the path to Jerusalem. If you want to take a look ahead, you can read Luke 13:18-30. This is sure to help us as we enter through the door of 2021.

### ZOOM PRAYER

There has been a consistent group from our church family praying every Wednesday @ 8pm. If you would like to give it a try, please indicate your desire by sending an email to [barry@newharvestch.org](mailto:barry@newharvestch.org).

### TWO VERY GOOD CHOICES

1. Community Groups are a great way to get connected to others. Let me find a small Community Group for you
2. The Green Room class is a great chance to enhance your understanding of what God has in mind for you.

For more information please email Steve at [steve@newharvestch.org](mailto:steve@newharvestch.org).

### NEW YEAR, SAME GREAT & MIGHTY GOD

We are back! ALIVE Youth Ministry's OPEN ROOM and Youth Group starts back up Thursday, Jan. 7th. Our group is over 30 students now and we are seeing so much growth in them. We expectantly look forward to 2021 to see what good, gracious, glorious and great things God has planned!

Welcome  
Guests  
& Visitors

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use our online Connection Card ([newharvestch.org/connect](https://newharvestch.org/connect)) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

## THE CURE FOR 2021

If there was a word to describe the results of 2020 it would be fatigue. There's no doubt we have experienced information overload with excessive stress causing our outlook to be clouded by a dark shadow. We need a cure!

### Isaiah 40:21-31

\* God's Sovereignty (90 %)

Reign = Above All Others, No One Compares

Words that Isaiah uses to describe our God:

words like = enthroned, people are small, Rulers come and go...

\* Free Will (10%)

Difficulty can lead to doubt

Key words in verse 27 = hidden + disregarded

"God has lost track of me. He doesn't care what happens to me." (MSG - verse 27)

\* "Those who wait on the Lord." (v31)

"introduce tension" & "look for eagerly"

Weary = omnipresent soaring

Fear = omniscient understanding

Weakness = omnipotent strength

1) Renewal 2) Soar like an Eagle 3) Progress - soar, run & walk

### Reflective Questions:

- 1) What might be your word for 2021? How have you experienced fatigue in 2020?
- 2) Which character traits of God portrayed in this chapter impress you; causes you to fear Him?
- 3) What does waiting on the Lord mean to you? Why is the result so significant? How does this help you to launch in the New Year?

