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| Vs. 9-10 > Behold Your God!* When was the last time you beheld something?
* The best comfort we can get is to look at God. He brings everything into perspective.
* What gets in the way of you focusing on the Lord?
* In ancient times wars were seen as battles not just between two nations but the gods of those nations.
* Is there a parallel that we can draw to today? Do some lack confidence in God because some might describe God as “losing” in worldly terms?

Vs. 11 > The Good Shepherd * Being a Shepherd is hard work. What do you know about shepherding?
* Our trust in a leader should be dependent on how well they look after others.
* With that in mind how much more trustworthy is Jesus compared to other “leaders” we see today?
* When we step back and look at God as our Good Sheperd we are comforted.
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| FirstGod knew that his people would need great comfort after enduring judgment for sin. God’s plan from the beginning was repentance that led to comfort.Discussion PointsVs. 1-2 > Finally Comfort* Chapter 40 comes after much judgment in the previous 39 chapters. Isaiah gave the bad news first but now we get a glimpse of how God plans to comfort and save.
* It is important that we as Christians are balanced in our messages like Isaiah, and like Jesus who was full of grace and truth.
* Are you better at preaching judgment or comfort?
* Read 2 Cor 1:3-4. What comfort have you received from the Lord that you can pass on to others?
* Read Pro. 3:11-12. How do you react to discipline and correction?
 |  |  | Vs. 3-5 > God Prepares a Way* A city would do a lot of work to a road in preparation for a king to enter. In the same way, God had been prepping the way for His Son to enter the world.
* What did some of that preparation look like?
* The goal of the preparations was to make a smooth journey for the king to enter.
* We are all in need of sanctification in our lives.
* What hills need to be brought low in your life?
* What valleys need to be filled in?

Vs. 6-8 > Take the Long View* Life can seem short or long depending on what stage you are in.
* Does your life seem to fly by or crawl by?
* How has God’s Word stood the test of time?
* God’s Word stands forever. How does this affect the way we live?

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