

## Friday - April 4

*But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

*Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)*

This past year my beloved mother-in-law passed away. She was one of the most faith-filled women I have ever met in my life. Her influence on my life, my Christian life is beyond words. Her life with Christ is a testament to how I strive for my relationship with Him to be. She was always steady in her faith. She never wavered or doubted. She was ill for a long time. In her illness, she took care of and buried her husband from cancer. I watched her open her Bible and find peace in His Word. As I watched her in those moments most would have cried out to the Lord, "Why me?" she cried out, "Lord, help me."

This was her verse. These words from God became her words throughout her life journey. She called out to God throughout her life and waited on Him to bring her strength when she felt she did not have any. The Lord blessed her with wings to continue when she thought she could not, to run when she thought she could not stand. He was her strength in her life. I would say to her, "Are you okay?" She would say, "As long as I have Jesus, I am perfect." When she died, I was and to be honest, still am broken inside. She was one of "my people." I often close my eyes and I can see her with God now, so strong and renewed in Him.

Now, in moments when I cannot stand and I do not have any strength, I turn to her favorite verse, Isaiah 40:31 and I am renewed by God's words. She was such a gift to me in my life. She showed me how to live a life of faith, to read, live, and obey God's Word. It is amazing how these simple words that she cherished give me comfort and peace and are now a part of my life journey with the Lord.

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**Prayer:** Lord, I pray that we remember to turn to Your word in times when we feel we cannot continue. I pray You give us strength and renewal in You as we live our daily lives. Amen.

