

# **Words For The Weary**

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Isaiah 50:4 (NIV)

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

**This is a follow up from last week's message on Each One is to  
be a shield from the wind and a stream of water in the desert.**

**We comfort the distraught in the chaos surrounding them.**

**This morning we see that God is asking us to be ready with  
words for the weary. This means that in the chaos of life we  
are not the ones complaining, but through Christ we are the  
ones who have words of truth, hope and power. We are the  
light of the world. However, to have words to sustain the  
weary, we must receive from Jesus the before we can offer any  
comfort to others. By examining this verse, we see how we  
can fulfill our God given ministry to those who are struggling.**

**Two verses before, we see God's frustration when HIS people  
fail to comfort those around them.**

Isaiah 50:2

When I came, why was there no one?

When I called, why was there no one to answer?

Was my arm too short to deliver you?

Do I lack the strength to rescue you?

**Thus, we see in verse 4 the obedient servant properly  
responding by comforting others.**

We acknowledge, “The Sovereign LORD has given us a well-instructed tongue!” *LITERALLY this means a tongue of those who have been taught or a tongue of those who listen like one being instructed or succinctly it means a disciple. As a disciple we are the ones who listen to Jesus like one being instructed. Thus, we have words for the weary because we are the ones who have spent time with Jesus.*

Since, we have the well-instructed tongue we “know the word that sustains the weary.”

Interestingly, the meaning for “word” is language. This means that generally speaking, we know what to say. Also, interestingly the word translated as “*sustains*” is not found elsewhere in Scripture. The meaning includes ‘to shepherd’ and ‘to care for’, but the oldest use is ‘to speak a word in season’. Therefore, being a disciple of Jesus, we are able to exercise an effective spoken ministry speaking a comforting word in season. This word sustains the *Weary*, those ‘fainting’ under life’s demands. Like we learned last week, we are a shield from the wind and streams of water in the desert to the weary. This truly is a joyful ministry.

Proverbs 15:23 (NIV)

A person finds joy in giving an apt reply—  
and how good is a timely word!

To say the right thing at the right time is satisfying. This well-instructed tongue to sustain the weary flows from our own relationship with Jesus.

The next sentence is very informative which states, “He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.”

**Notice that the Sovereign LORD speaks *morning by morning* to HIS disciple. Morning by morning the disciple listens like one being instructed.** I am not trying to put anyone under the Law or make you feel bad. This is between you and Jesus. But notice that it is those who hear the word in the morning who are able to share that instruction during the rest of that day.

Please note that the word is used in the first sentence for “well-instructed” is the same word used in the last sentence for “being instructed”. Thus, both mean “listen like one being instructed” which also means disciple. Therefore, emphasis is being put on a believer to “listen like one being instructed” in order to have a word for the weary.

Jesus HIMSELF gave upmost importance to hearing God throughout HIS ministry. Therefore, Jesus’ followers should likewise give similar importance to hear God before we start our day in this Satan influenced world.

John 7:16-18 (NIV)

Jesus answered, My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

**As the perfect man and messenger of God, Jesus insisted that his teaching did not originate with himself but that the message and the power came from God. This drives home the point that we as believers also should “listen like one being instructed”.**

**This is not simply knowing facts, but this is acknowledging our need for Jesus to guide us through out each day. In one of my most difficult situations of my life Jesus spoke to me.**

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

**This Word kept me from making many foolish decisions.**

**Throughout the NT, Jesus says the same thing:**

Mark 13:11 (NIV)

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

**As a disciple we are those who continually listen and are being instructed. One reason we do this is that we will have words that sustain the weary. Therefore, we will be a shield from the wind and a stream of water in the desert. Thus our actions we will point people to Jesus the fountain of living water.**

2Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.