



# Don't Give Up Now!

Pastor Bernard Hamp | Isaiah 41:8-14 (KJV)

## THE BIG IDEA

When pressure grows, keep trusting God's presence, receive His help, and make room to hear His voice.

## Sermon Summary

In Don't Give Up Now!, Pastor Bernard Hamp encourages weary listeners from Isaiah 41:8-14. God addresses His people as chosen servants and tells them not to fear. He promises His presence, strength, help, and sustaining hand. Pastor Hamp applies that reassurance to those facing family concerns, financial strain, discouragement, and uncertainty about what comes next.

The sermon invites listeners to pace themselves. Through the images of a bicycle coasting and a spacecraft under intense pressure, Pastor Hamp urges the congregation to stop treating every moment as a fight. His call to throttle down means waiting on the Lord, releasing anxious control, and receiving rest while remaining ready to follow God's direction.

Pastor Hamp also describes the noise of daily life: unspoken tension at work, unopened bills, and the expectations of people who depend on us. A close relationship with God helps us listen through that noise. The message closes with encouragement to trust God's timing, remember that Jesus understands our struggles, and keep our hand in His as He continues His work.

## Memory Verse

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Isaiah 41:13 (KJV)

God's promise of help gives His people a reason to trust Him amid uncertainty.

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Prepared from the supplied October 4 worship transcript, using the Scripture reading and sermon from 49:17 through 1:17:26. Times refer to the full worship recording. Bicycle and Max Q references summarize the sermon illustrations.



## Detailed Sermon Notes

### 1. Receive the promise of help

Isaiah 41:8-14 addresses Israel as God's chosen servant. The repeated promise is His help: He strengthens, upholds, and holds His people's hand. Pastor Hamp begins with these assurances so that listeners facing trouble can remember who has promised to be with them.

Recording: 49:17-50:53

### 3. Pace yourself and receive rest

The sermon encourages listeners to distinguish between taking a necessary step and carrying every burden continually. The bicycle illustration pictures a rider who keeps pedaling even downhill. Pastor Hamp calls for trust that makes room to rest, rather than a constant fighting posture that closes the heart.

Recording: 54:51-58:15

### 5. Throttle down under pressure

Using Max Q as an illustration of intense pressure, Pastor Hamp tells listeners to throttle down. His spiritual application is to wait on the Lord instead of letting fear tear us apart. Slow the anxious response, receive direction, and be ready to move forward when it is time.

Recording: 1:03:12-1:06:30

### 7. Grow a close relationship with God

The sermon connects knowing God with relationship, rather than distant awareness. Learning His voice requires closeness and discernment. Pastor Hamp points to the self-giving love of Christ and encourages listeners to pay attention to whom they are allowing to shape their hearts and decisions.

Recording: 1:10:34-1:12:34

### 2. Bring the storm into prayer

Pastor Hamp describes the feeling of a storm approaching and asks whether anyone wonders where God is amid confusion. The invitation is to speak honestly about that burden. Difficult circumstances do not make the promise of God's presence disappear; they are a reason to seek His comfort.

Recording: 51:56-54:50

### 4. Surrender without abandoning faith

Pastor Hamp speaks to people who feel prayed out. He describes surrender as placing the outcome in God's hands while continuing to trust and praise Him. Faithfulness is more than demanding a particular result; it includes remaining committed to God when the timing or answer is still unclear.

Recording: 58:17-1:01:39

### 6. Listen through the noise

Noise can be a look from a coworker, a bill on the table, or a loved one's question. Pastor Hamp explains how these pressures occupy the mind even without spoken words. He urges listeners to quiet their reactions and listen for the voice that leads and restores them.

Recording: 1:06:48-1:10:31

### 8. Keep trusting God's timing

Pastor Hamp reminds the congregation that work can be happening beyond what they see. He also points to Jesus' experience of rejection and betrayal as encouragement that our struggles are understood. The closing appeal is to keep our hand in God's hand and let Him finish His work.

Recording: 1:12:37-1:17:26



## Put the Lesson into Practice

- Read Isaiah 41:8-14. Write down one promise you will remember when you feel afraid.
- Identify one burden you are trying to carry without rest. Bring it to God in prayer and ask for help with the next step.
- Pause before answering a stressful situation. Allow time for prayer, reflection, and a measured response.
- Set aside a few quiet minutes to read Scripture and listen without the usual distractions.
- Encourage someone who is weary. Offer practical help and patient companionship as they keep going.

## Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your presence and Your promise to help. When pressure feels overwhelming, quiet our fears and strengthen our trust. Teach us when to act, when to rest, and how to listen for Your direction. Keep our hearts open to Your love and to the help of others. Give us patience with Your timing and courage for the next faithful step. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Personal Reflection

Where do you need to slow an anxious response this week, and what faithful next step will you take while trusting God?

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## Sermon Study Questions

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Choose one answer for each question. Use the website to submit your answers and reflection privately to the church.

### 1. What does God promise His people in Isaiah 41:10?

- A. They will never face difficult circumstances
- B. They must solve every problem alone
- C. He will strengthen, help, and uphold them
- D. Other people will always agree with them

### 2. What is the practical lesson of Pastor Hamp's bicycle illustration?

- A. Keep pushing without ever resting
- B. Pace yourself and make room to rest in God
- C. Avoid every responsibility
- D. Wait until life is perfect before praying

### 3. Which example did Pastor Hamp use to describe the noise of daily pressure?

- A. An unopened bill that weighs on the mind
- B. Only sounds from a television
- C. A situation that never affects our thoughts
- D. Only words spoken aloud

### 4. According to the sermon, what helps a person recognize God's voice?

- A. Letting every fear direct the decision
- B. Knowing about God only from a distance
- C. Answering every provocation immediately
- D. Growing a close relationship with God

### 5. What is the sermon's closing encouragement about God's timing?

- A. Give up if the answer is not immediate
- B. Keep trusting God and let Him finish His work
- C. Assume unseen work is impossible
- D. Stop asking God for direction

### 6. EXTRA CREDIT - In Pastor Hamp's Max Q illustration, what did he tell listeners to do under intense pressure?

- A. Take on every fight at once
- B. Ignore every person who offers help
- C. Throttle down and wait on the Lord
- D. Prove they never need to rest