"Tell us pleasant things"

Isaiah 30 & 31

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Isaiah 6:9-10

 "ever hearing, but never understanding; ever seeing, but never perceiving."

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Isaiah 30:10-11

"See no more visions! Give us no more visions of what is right!
 Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get
 off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of
 Israel!"

A rebellious people want to believe a lie. "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it." (Isaiah 30:15) A rebellious people want to escape responsibility. 5 A rebellious people want to avoid God. • "Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!" (30:11)

James Emery White, You Can Experience a Purposeful Life

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Willow Creek Church, Bill Hybels

"Think what a local church would be like if its people were radically devoted to Christ, irrevocably committed to each other, and relentlessly dedicated to reaching outside of God's family with the gospel of Christ. It would be a church against which the gates of Hell could not prevail. It would be an unstoppable force for good in the community, an inspiration to other churches, and a testimony to God's unfailing grace."

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A righteous people must model the truth.

GOD'S WAYS WORK!

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- James 2:14-18, "...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, & I will show you my faith by what I do"
- Matt 24:12 "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold"

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Isaiah 30:19

• "...How gracious he (God) will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you."

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