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**Uncertainty** is hard because it's cousin is **control** which is related to **fear**.

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### **Isaiah 30:1-2**

**Woe** to the rebellious children! This is the Lord's declaration. They carry out a **plan**, but not Mine; they make an alliance, but against My will, piling sin on top of sin.

<sup>2</sup> Without asking My advice they set out to go down to **Egypt** in order to seek shelter under Pharaoh's protection and take refuge in Egypt's shadow.

### **Isaiah 31:1**

**Woe** to those who go down to Egypt for help and who depend on horses! They **trust** in the abundance of chariots and in the large number of horsemen. They do not look to the Holy One of Israel, and they **do not seek the Lord**.

Fear the **flesh act**.

### ***Flesh Act:***

*A decision or choice driven by something other than obedience and faith*

- **Unholy fear or unholy ambition**

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### **Flesh Acts in Scripture:**

- **Abraham nearly prostituting his wife in Egypt**
- **Moses killing an Egyptian in anger**
- **Saul consulting a witch**
- **Peter denying Jesus in fear**

In uncertainty, we must be open to the grace of **confrontation or warning**.

God is not concerned about our “beliefs” per se, but our **functional** faith.  
--how we navigate ... journey ... actually live

### **Isaiah 31:2**

But He also is **wise** and brings disaster. He does not go back **on what He says**;  
He will rise up against the house of the wicked and against the allies of evildoers.

**Human wisdom, abilities & plans vs. God’s wisdom, power and words.**

### **Isaiah 42:8**

I am the Lord. That is My Name, and I will **not** give **My glory** to another  
or My praise to idols.

### **Isaiah 31:3a**

<sup>3</sup> Egyptians are men, not God; their horses are flesh, **not spirit**...

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**Military problem**  **Military solution**

**Money problem**  **Money solution**

**Spirit** (John 4:24a) >>> **Flesh**

### **Zechariah 4:6**

So he answered me, “This is the **word of the Lord** to Zerubbabel: ‘**Not by** strength or by  
might, but **by My Spirit**,’ says the Lord of Armies.

### **LISA BEAMER**

*“It struck me how hopeless the world is when God is factored out of the  
equation.”*

*{come up one at a time}*

Hear the **invitation** in the uncertainty.

- a) Away from **unbelief**
- b) To deeper **intimacy and dependency**”

God’s greatest gifts often come in improbable **packages**.

### **Isaiah 30:15**

For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said: “You will be delivered by **returning  
and resting**; your strength will lie in quiet confidence ...”

### **Isaiah 31:4-5**

For this is what the Lord said to me: “As a **lion** or young lion growls over its prey when a band of shepherds is called out against it, and it is not terrified by their shouting or subdued by their noise, so the Lord of Armies will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its hill.

<sup>5</sup> Like **hovering birds**, so the Lord of Armies will protect Jerusalem; by protecting it, he will rescue it; by passing over it, he will deliver it.

### **Isaiah 31:6**

**Return** to the One the Israelites have greatly **rebelled** against ...

### **Isaiah 31:9b**

This is the Lord’s declaration—whose **fire** is in Zion and whose **furnace** is in Jerusalem.

### **Isaiah 30:15-16**

For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said: “You will be delivered by returning and resting; your strength will lie in quiet confidence. But you are **not willing**.”

<sup>16</sup> You say, “No! We will escape on horses”—therefore you will escape!—and, “We will ride on fast horses”—but those who pursue you will **be faster**.”

**We are often willing to be **delivered** but not go **deeper**.**

### **Isaiah 30:18**

Therefore the Lord is **waiting** to show you mercy, and is **rising up** to show you compassion, for the Lord is a just God. All who **wait patiently** for Him are **happy**.

### **Psalm 130:5**

I **wait** for the Lord; I wait and put my hope **in His word**.

### **Ephesians 6:17-18**

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the **word of God**. <sup>18</sup> Pray at all times **in the Spirit** with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight.

**Mark 6:50**

... “Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

**Isaiah 30:15, 18**

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