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Dear readers of this newsletter

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40,28–31)

I have deliberately chosen these words from the book of Isaiah ...

They mean something very special to me.

They were the text for our last Morning Prayer at our conference in Løgumkloster in 2016. At the very same day, only two hours earlier, I got the message that my father had died ... Dear Eyolf offered to take over the prayer, but I knew that I had to speak out my faith right there and then in my chaos of emotions and pain.

Four years have passed, and we find ourselves in the midst of a reality that threatens to cut off our wings of faith

Don't we feel powerless, desperate, tired ...?! However, through the prophet Isaiah God has something important to tell us in our present situation.

Many countries are better off, e.g. Sweden, but we see fear and insecurity everywhere. Every day I think that it is only a bad dream.

But look at the chick of an eagle. The parents put a lot of effort and patience into the upbringing of the little ones – not only driven by wisdom. When learning to fly the chicks start by hopping around. The jumps are getting higher and higher, even up to four meters! If the chick turns out to be lazy, the parents remove anything soft and cozy from the nest. They do it all for the best of the chick; it can't stay in the nest forever!

Finally the chick is thrown out of the nest. If, however, it doesn't begin to fly, one of the parents is there to rescue it.

In dire times Israel is convinced that God has abandoned them. Are we as well? Isaiah wants to teach the people to see it differently. It is a matter of faith and trust. If not now, then when? How can you test God if not in dire times, when you see no way out?

A battle has started between God and his opponent. True Christians can see this and realise the times. We are in the same situation as Israel once was ...

How do I do right now? Does it calm me down, knowing that my God has the upper hand? Can I use this time for something good? God will teach us to fly. He wishes that we right now shall experience new strength from him, so that we may live in hope and inner peace, because this earth is not our home forever.

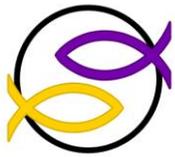
A friend of mine has, as she says it – not only prepared her apartment for an imminent moving, but even brought her spiritual life in order.

What will the coming year 2021 bring us? Will it allow us to meet in Eisenach? If so, then certainly with great joy and gratitude. Now we have good time to think creatively about IVSS Churchear, and to long for each other ...

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We may even give each other strength, wisdom and peace in Jesus, through common prayer and mail exchange. Jesus and he alone is the King – not any virus nor any person with evil intentions.

I wish that you, and myself too, may have a renewed strength in faith, and in body as well.

May God bless us through Jesus!

With the most sincere greetings in prayer and love, your

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