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## **Weary**

Well, I'm weary. If I'm weary, how will my words ever be able to sustain others who are weary? **That is a very good question with a very simple answer.** What's that? **Your words will never be able to sustain others who are weary.** That is no surprise to me. **Don't think that you or anyone else will be able to live off of your words. Living on the power of your own thoughts, words and actions will guarantee one thing.** What's that? **You will be weary.** That then, is why I am weary right now. I have been relying in myself. **That is a very important discovery.**

**Is there something you would like to do differently? Is there a different way that you would like to live?** Yes, I would like to live by your power. I want to be sustained by your words. I wanted to be lifted up, encouraged and strengthened by you. **That is a very good desire. But desire is not enough. What action will you take? What will you do differently?** I will listen to you. I will allow myself to hear from you. I will awaken to your voice. I will listen to all that you have to say to me. **How will you allow yourself to be awoken so that you can hear my voice speaking to you?** There is no mystery to that. In the morning, I will get up to meet with you. I will meet with you in your word. I will allow your word to sustain and strengthen me. I will allow your word to teach and train me. I will allow your word to develop my thoughts, form my words and guide my actions. **That will be very good.**

**What will happen to you as you continue to meet with me in my word?** I will be readied to be used by you. **How so?** Your teaching and training will prepare me to minister to others. As you sustain and strengthen me, I will be able to sustain and strengthen others with your words. As you teach and train me, I will be able to teach and train others with your words. You will give me an instructed tongue. I will not be speaking my words. I will not be living by the power of my own words. No, your words will be working in and through me. Your words working in and through me will make me able to lift up, encourage and strengthen others. **Yes, they will.** Keep on meeting with me in the morning. **Keep on listening to me. Keep on being taught by me.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, there is no doubt about it. I am weary. Here I am in your presence. You have opened my ears. I am ready, willing and able to hear from you. Teach me. Use your word to sustain me so I will be able to speak words that will sustain others who are weary. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *An Instructed Tongue*

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

NIV Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Words Of Wisdom*

The Sovereign LORD has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will.

NLT Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Tongue Of A Teacher*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

NRSV Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Tongue Of A Disciple*

[The Servant of God says] The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught].

AMP Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Tongue Of Disciples*

The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

NASB Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Tongue Of Those Who Are Taught*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

ESV Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Tongue Of The Learned*

"The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

NKJV Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Well Taught Tongue*

The Master, GOD, has given me a well-taught tongue, So I know how to encourage tired people. He wakes me up in the morning, Wakes me up, opens my ears to listen as one ready to take orders.

MSG Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Words Of Wisdom*

The Lord God has given me his words of wisdom so that I may know what I should say to all these weary ones. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will.

TLB Isaiah 50:4

**Becoming Like Christ** *The Ability To Teach*

The Lord GOD gave me the ability to teach so that I know what to say to make the weak strong. Every morning he wakes me. He teaches me to listen like a student.

NCV Isaiah 50:4

# Instructed Tongue

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Isaiah 50:4

**In Context:** *Read Isaiah 50*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, there is no doubt about it. I am weary. Here I am in your presence. You have opened my ears. I am ready, willing and able to hear from you. Teach me. Use your word to sustain me so I will be able to speak words that will sustain others who are weary. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**When are you making yourself available to the Lord for Him to teach you?**

How are you allowing the Lord to open your ears to hear from Him?

What has helped or hindered your ability to hear from the Lord?

**How has the Lord used His word to sustain you when you were weary?**

Why must you keep on listening to the Lord if you want to be able to speak words to sustain others?

**When has the Lord given you words to speak that sustained the weary?**

When has someone spoken God given words to you that sustained you when you were weary?

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God to teach you morning by morning so you will be able to speak words to sustain the weary.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will give you words to speak that will sustain those who are weary.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have been able to sustain the weary with your words.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you allow the Lord to give you words to speak that will sustain the weary.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will speak words you give me to sustain the weary.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what words do you want me to speak to sustain those who are weary?*

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