Applying the Gospel to Life
Addictions: How They Capture Us

We are unaware –
  » Evil is present everywhere
  » Evil’s goal is to take you captive
  » Cures are external, not internal

We are unsatisfied –
  » with what we see
  » with what we feel
  » with what we taste
  » with what we hear
  » with what we know

We are unprepared –
  » to meet pain
  » to meet disability
  » to meet calamity

How can I avoid being captured? Isaiah 40

1. Be Aware (Isa. 40:1-5)
   a. There is a God who comforts us (v. 1)
   b. There is a God who is merciful (v. 2)
   c. There is a God who brings change (vv. 3-4)
   d. There is a God who reveals His glory (v. 5)

2. Be Prepared (Isa. 40:6-8)
   a. For the frailties of life (v. 6)
   b. For the Destiny of life (v. 7)
   c. For the Surety in life (v. 8)

3. Be Encouraged (Isa. 40:9)
   Do not view God through a keyhole!

4. Be Protected (Isa. 40:10-23)
   a. By the Good Shepherd (vv. 10-11)
   b. By the Divine Engineer (v. 12)
   c. By the All-Wise Counselor (vv. 13-14)
   d. By the All-Powerful Sovereign (vv. 15-17, 22-23)

5. Conclusion (vv 28-31)