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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

When I was a child, I loved to run. I was never very fast, but I enjoyed getting from point “A” to point “B” in a hurry. Little kids like to run everywhere. It doesn't matter how short the distance. It can simply be from one side of the room to the other. The three-year-old is more than likely going to run that distance.

Part of the reason they do this is that they have short legs and need to take way more steps to cross the room than fully-grown people do. But, they also run because they just have lots of energy. As an adult, can you imagine every step you take being a running step? You would probably be ready for a nap well before lunch.

Yet even those children with seemingly endless amounts of energy grow tired after a while. Eventually they grow into adults, and their levels of energy decrease and weariness sets in more quickly. I get tired faster now at my age than I did even 15 year ago.

God knows we get tired. Here is some encouragement from our almighty God.

*Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:30-31*

What a beautiful promise we have from the Lord that he will give us renewed strength! To "run and not grow weary"—it sounds too good to be true. Yet, it's a promise from the Lord so we know that it is.

Those who know that Jesus is their Savior, who treasure the full and free forgiveness that is theirs because of his death on the cross, can walk with a little extra spring in their step. The pressing weight of sin and guilt does not slow them down, and they know that their relationship with the almighty God is one that is defined by his love, and will last forever.

When that relationship is fully enjoyed inside the gates of heaven, then their youth will truly and fully be renewed. None of the physical problems, none of the aches and pains that seem to grow more severe with age will be present there. Knowing that day will come gives the believer in Jesus a little extra energy in life as well.

***Prayer:*** Heavenly Father, you know that I am tired. Keep my eyes focused on the eternity in heaven that your Son, Jesus, won for me through his death on the cross. There I know that my strength will be renewed and I will never grow weary again. Until I get there, give me strength and energy as you have promised. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

*(WELS E-Devotion, adapted)*

...See you in church.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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