

## **Repentance and Rest** **Isaiah 30:1-18**

Israel faced a national security crisis. Assyria was on their doorstep threatening attack. In their fear, Israel formed an alliance with Egypt. The alliance was not from God or of God – it was faithless. When our security, comfort, and deep soul rest is threatened we, too, are tempted to run to ‘Egypt’, which is faithlessness before God. Our passage calls us to repent of a faithless heart and rest in a faithful God.

*Repent of a faithless heart.* A faithless heart forms faithless alliances (vv. 1-3), rejects God’s Word (vv. 8-11, 15), fails (vv. 3-4, 12-14), and ultimately rejects God (vv. 15-17).

*Rest in a faithful God.* Jesus faithfully enters into our stories of faithlessness with mercy (v. 18), calls us to repentance and to rest in Him (v. 15), and offers us “warrior strength” for “life’s battles and challenges” (v. 15).<sup>1</sup>

To those who have rejected God and His Word, repent and rest in Jesus. To those who know God but are struggling with an ‘alliance with Egypt’, repent and rest in Jesus. To those whose very security, comfort, and deep soul rest is being threatened; turn from your solutions, strength, and wisdom, and rest in Jesus who promises Himself and His strength to you.

### **Questions for Individuals, Families, and Community Groups**

1. What “Egypt(s)” do you believe will give you security, comfort, and deep soul rest?
2. What part of your story do you need Jesus to exalt himself in showing mercy to you? Where do you need His strength that comes from resting in Him?
3. How can we turn questions 1 and 2 into a prayer request for you?

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<sup>1</sup> Alec Motyer, *Isaiah*.