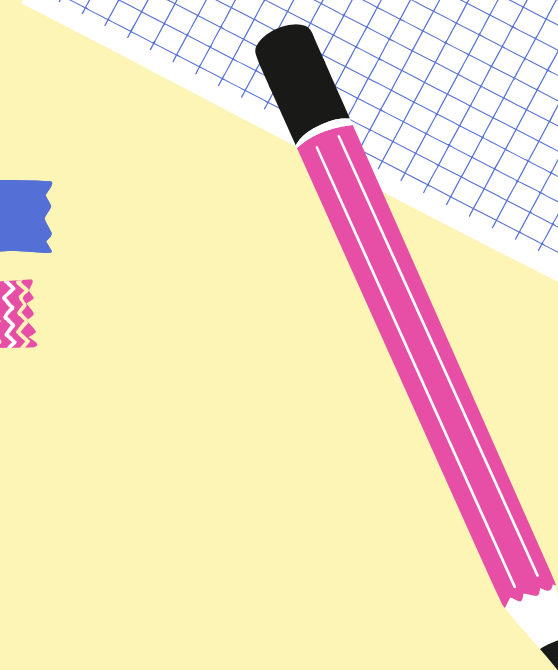




Contrasts

Power
vs.
Tenderness

Family Discussion





Look at him! God, the Master, comes in power, ready to go into action. He is going to pay back his enemies and reward those who have loved him. Like a shepherd, he will care for his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, Hugging them as he carries them, leading the nursing ewes to good pasture.

Isaiah 40:10 – 11 (MSG)



Discuss

- What words and phrases in the verses speak of God's power?
- How is this description of God's strength an assurance for you?
- How is God described as being tender?
- What confidence do you feel about a God being like a caring shepherd?
- Discuss how this harmony between strength and tenderness provides a model for how we relate to others.



Pray

- Thank God for how He has been powerfully at work in your life. Thank Him for His gentle and caring provision.
- Tell God you are trusting Him to be powerful in dealing with difficult situations you face.
- Ask God to shepherd you and your family as you face new challenges.
- Pray for people you know who need to feel either God's strength or His tenderness in their lives.

