

**Contrasts**  
Power  
vs.  
Tenderness

Family Discussion

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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)

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### 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.



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### 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.



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