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### Like Chaff Tankou Pay

A humbling beginning to a good message

Walking the streets of Haiti in the morning you will likely come across a lady or two with bananas and peanuts for sale. It is one of the cheaper alternatives for breakfast. You will notice that the peanuts have been shelled but the dry red husks are still on them. So when you get your peanuts gently roll them in your hands and then blow away the useless dry skins. It's a common sight.

Seeing this so often each morning along the streets you will have a clear mental picture when you read Isaiah 40 verse 24.

No sooner are they planted,  
no sooner are they sown,  
no sooner do they take root in the ground,  
than he blows on them and they wither,  
and a whirlwind sweeps them away  
like chaff.



The humbling part of the story comes when you realize that God described people, even princes and rulers "like chaff". Ouch.

Tankou (meaning like) and Pay (pronounced pie, meaning chaff) in Haitian Creole means "like chaff".

Then he asked us how we might describe him in verse 25.

To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Though the comparison is humbling, reminding us that we are severely limited, no more impressive than chaff, God is letting us know that He is everlasting, Creator, never getting tired, never lacking strength or understanding, **AND** offering us renewed strength if we simply remain hopeful in him.

Isaiah 40:31  
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.

Discipleship often requires a seriously humbling start. But God is not punishing, rather he has much to offer those who rightly understand the situation and still accept to proceed in hope.

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◇ Frantz again had to postpone a class last week in Haiti allowing members to attend a local funeral. So, hopefully Saturday February 12th will start their Bible study and continue the next 4 Saturdays.

◇ Frantz is actually pretty excited about the group of Pastors he is currently talking with for future classes but we don't want to count those chickens before they hatch.

◇ And Brian was able to conduct the first Bible study last week at the Senior Center for Derby, Kansas.



Brian and Laurie Winzenried

**"WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS,  
SEEDTIME AND HARVEST,  
COLD AND HEAT,  
WINTER AND SUMMER,  
AND DAY AND NIGHT  
SHALL NOT CEASE."  
GENESIS 8:22**