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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Isa. 46:4** *The LORD says, “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (NIV)*

In a culture where the older folks are taken more and more for granted, it is an encouragement to hear what the LORD says about us. I do happen to have some of that gray hair creeping in. So it is good to hear this four-part blessing from the LORD.

First, the LORD says He will *sustain* you. The Hebrew word is **esbol** which means *to carry a heavy load*. I’m sure that my life has seemed somewhat like that. The great thing is that my Father is able to carry the whole world in His hands so He is well equipped to carry me wherever He wants me to go.

Secondly, He reminds me that He made me. And as the old saying goes: God doesn’t make any junk. He made me just the way He wanted to. Sometimes, I see my short-comings but He sees me through the blood of His Son and I am made clean and whole and redeemed. His plans for me are always perfect. He has equipped me and now empowers me with His Holy Spirit. If God is for me, who could be against me?

Thirdly, He will carry me. This is the example of **esbol** carried out in my life. This comes with the discipline of letting go and allowing Him to do what He desires to do in my life. He wants to guide me, direct my path and carry me over the obstacles that the evil one would put in my way. And He is able. **Eph. 3:20** *Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen (NIV)*

And lastly, He will rescue me. That means, no matter what situation I may get myself into, He is there to help me if I will but call upon Him. That means I must realize that He is LORD and I am not!

**Dear LORD, thank You that you will sustain us, make us into Your likeness, carry us and rescue us. You are all that we will ever need. In Jesus Name, Amen**