

## Isaiah 30:1-26 • When It All Goes South

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1. (v.1-5) Placing a higher priority in something other than Christ always works until times of **testing** and **trials**, at which time the true strength/weakness of both our **trust** and the object of that **trust** is exposed.
2. (v.6-7) The unspoken truth of our seeking **comfort** and **protection** is that we ourselves cannot provide it and must seek something **greater** that can; **deception** is believing something else can.
3. (v.8-11) Rebellion is always accompanied and evidenced by a rejection of **God's Word**. This is why alternate alliances are attempted, because they say the things those who reject **God's Word** want to hear in place of **God's Word**.
4. (v.12-14) Rebellion is like all other **addictive** behaviors – it takes a traumatic, rock-bottom **experience** to get the person to realize the true nature of their misplaced **confidence**.
5. (v.15-17) The resulting **lesson** learned at one's personal expense will be a very public **warning** to everyone else about them.
6. (v.18-22) True **repentance** must be accompanied by a true commitment to God's Word to change one's **behavior** permanently and irrevocably.
7. (v.23-26) Even at their momentary best, a substitute for God could only provide a very **temporary** benefit and could never provide the spiritual **assurance** we need both for this **life** and the next.