Standing on the Promises: Don’t worry…

God can be trusted!

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[Isaiah 43:1-3a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+43%3A1-3a&version=NIV)

1 But now, this is what the Lord says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior…

1. **FEAR IS NOT FROM GOD**

Genesis 3:8-10

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid…”

2 Timothy 1:7

7 For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

1. **FAITH REPLACES FEAR**

Proverbs 3:5-8

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

1. **FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS**

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 …let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith…

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.