

Overcoming Uncertain Times: Choosing Fear or Faith

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Isaiah 43:1-5a

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; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you..."

During uncertain times remember that...

1. YOU ARE CREATED BY GOD IN HIS IMAGE

Isaiah 43:1

¹ ... this is what the LORD says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, ... male and female he created them.

During uncertain times remember that...

2. THE LORD REDEEMED YOU & CALLED YOU BY NAME

Isaiah 43:1

¹ ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

Romans 8:15-17

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

During uncertain times remember that...

3. THE LORD WALKS WITH YOU THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

Isaiah 43:1-2, 5

¹ ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, for ... 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. ⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

Psalms 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

During uncertain times remember that...

4. THE LORD IS HOLY & YOUR SAVIOR & HE LOVES YOU

Isaiah 43:1, 3-4

¹ ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, ... ³ For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;" ⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,..."

Luke 2:11

Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

John 3:16

"For God so loved (insert your name) that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."