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Isaiah 43

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But now, this is what the Lord says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

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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.

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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.

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Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

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Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.

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I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

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everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Truth #1: God is WITH me always and will EQUIP me in order to do the tasks he’s called me to.

For later personal reflection: What are some roles that God has called me to in my own life? How do I feel like he has already equipped me? In what ways do my callings seem complementary vs. impossible to reconcile? If I truly believe that God will provide what I need, how does that change my perspective when difficulties come into my life?

Truth #2: God LOVES ME despite my failings and inadequacies

What is an area of your life where you feel like you aren't "enough"? How do you think we can hold the tension (for ourselves and others) that we AREN'T enough but Jesus loves us in spite of that? How can we acknowledge to ourselves and others that we will never BE enough? If you can acknowledge that you aren't enough, how could that change your relationships with God and others?

Truth #3: God CREATED me and my children and will be GLORIFIED in our lives...in His timing, not ours

Are you a rule follower or a more of a free spirit? How do you feel like that has influenced your parenting and relationship with God? What do you need to specifically trust God for in your children's lives and how does remembering Isaiah 43:7 help with that?

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