

The God Who Walks With Us

(Isaiah 43:1-7)

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he who formed you, O Israel:

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I have called you by name, you are mine.

...

⁵ **Fear not**, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you...

Fear Not... Why?

1st Reason

“Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you...” (Isaiah 43:4)

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(See Exodus 3:7-10)

- ♦ What defines the people of God is not what they have done but the love and grace of God who says, “I have called you by name, you are mine.” (v.1b)

(See Deuteronomy 7:6-8)

◆ God has given Egypt and other peoples as ransom to redeem His people.

3 ... I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

4 ... I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

(See Exodus 3:21-22)

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- ◆ **God said to them, “I have called you by name, you are mine.”**
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Fear Not... Why?

Because of what God has done for them in the past that proves His love for them, God's people can count on Him to walk with them when they are going through deep waters and raging fires.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Application

**Journaling &
Sharing of Testimony**

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2nd Reason

“Fear not, for I am with you...”

(Isaiah 43:5)

5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

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

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The Glory of God

Is God for us or for Himself?

- ♦ God always gives His people the best because He loves us.
- ♦ “He (God) must be for himself in order to be for us.” (John Piper)

Application

- ◆ Repent and draw near to God.

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” (James 4:8)

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- ♦ Don't be too quick to give up on those who messed up their lives.