

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

God's Promise to You

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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We don't need to fear because of **"who"** we are and **"whose"** we are in Christ!

Isaiah 43:1-7 But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ²When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. ⁴Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honoured, and I love you. ⁵"Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west. ⁶I will say to the north and south, 'Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. ⁷Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them."

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- **God created you.**

v. 1 "But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, 'Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.'"

- **God called you by name.**

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- **God saves you.**

v. 2 "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

v. 3 "For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour."

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- **God will gather you.**

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v. 7 "Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them."

1 Peter 2:4,9-10 "You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honour...⁷Yes, you who trust him recognize the honour God has given him...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰'Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.'"

Big Idea: Eradicate fear by embracing your identity in Christ.

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- Share a fear issue with an IC friend.
- Place a Scripture promise on your door or your property as a reminder of God's love to you and to others.
- Offer to pray with someone this week.

"For I hold you by your right hand - I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.'" Isaiah 41:13



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#3 of 10 - October 18, 2020

- 1) Which "promise" from the 100 Days of Impact was most significant for you this week and why?
- 2) Share about your experience with this past week's Missional Challenge and how you see God working?
- 3) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? In what ways do you see fear in your life today?
- 4) Read Isaiah 43:1-7. What commitments is God making to His people in this passage? How do you think the Israelites felt about this? How does this encourage you today?
- 5) What does it mean to "be called by name"? Why is this significant for us as children of God?
- 6) Reflect on v. 3 and 4. How does this reflect the larger story of Jesus going to the cross to save us from sin and bondage?
- 7) Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. How does Peter describe our identity as followers of Christ? Why would embracing these truths eradicate fear in our lives? What next step is God asking you to take today in light of this?
- 8) Take time to pray and talk about this week's Missional Challenge.

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