

Learning to Live Easter Every Day
Isaiah 43

Learning to live Easter is to live in JOY!

"But now thus says the LORD, he who created you ... he who formed you ... "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Verse 1

 So now what? He IS Risen ... an on-going effect (a past completed act that continues with a present on-going result).

- There are anchors here for how to live this
- The LORD ... Yahweh Creator, Source and Sustainer of all of LIFE.
- o The One who created you.
- The One who formed you.
- Has redeemed you!
 - Redeemed to be purchased out of slavery, saved from sin and consequences.
 - This is full of mercy (not getting what we deserve).
 - This is full of grace (getting what we don't deserve).
 - This is AMAZING LOVE!
- We are called by name.
- We belong to Him.
- Jesus Overflowing You = JOY
 The Lexham Bible Dictionary clarifies for us: joy is more a state of being than an emotion; the result of a choice.
- o This is why we can live unafraid!

We are known. We are named. We can live unafraid.

Learning to live Easter is to live UNAFRAID!

"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. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Verses 2-3

- When you pass through, waters and rivers and fire We will
 not be overwhelmed or burned or consumed ... because JESUS
 is there in the midst. He was forsaken so we never would be!
- o The "when" means it will happen but the Promise means there is provision! Be tethered to the provision!
- When fear hits know what to do with it.
- Remember who God is ... if we keep reading in Isaiah 43 we can remind ourselves:

- "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no Savior." Verses 10-11
- NLT says in verse 13 "From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done."

Learning to live Easter is to live with NEW EYES!

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Verse 19

- What is your POV? Do you look at what is around you with a human POV or with God's POV? (Mark 8:33)
- Use THE WORD as your lens … ask The Holy Spirit for eyes to see what He is doing.

- God has already begun the work it is happening … and He asks us – Do you not see it?
- There is promise and provision right here. It may not be what we expect it to be – so we need new eyes to see and understand!

Ask Jesus what new way He has for you to learn to live Easter today!

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