

# God's Love for Us:

## A Free Mini Bible Study on Isaiah 43:1-2

The sky was an eerie orange. The air smelled hot-of fire and burning and danger.

It was the first of September when cozy campfires called for smores and blankets. But instead, the smell of imminent threat and fear mixed with uncertainty permeated the air

News reports were mixed about exactly what was happening. Evacuations were being ordered and sirens were constant. Eight miles from the door of our home the state was ablaze. A series of lightning strikes triggered with human error had sent the tinder-dry landscape into a raging inferno

Homes, people, and livestock in the path of the firestorm plummeted into chaos overnight. Air quality became a prominent issue and days turned into weeks as communities worked to get a handle on the tragedy.

Reading through Isaiah 43:1-2 the list of cataclysmic events the writer describes may seem surreal. However, devastation and tragedy can arrive at any second. At the heart of this passage, we are reminded that God's love for us is greater than anything we face. We can walk with confidence in His unchanging love and continual grace in our lives.

As we work through Isaiah 43:1-2 let's focus on the ways that God shows His love toward us in the middle of our circumstances.

### **Read the Passage: Isaiah 43:1-2**

*But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
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.*

### **Study and Understand**

What are some keywords and phrases that stand out to you in these verses?

To whom does it seem this text is written?

The writer of this passage, the prophet Isaiah, is giving a charge to the people of Israel. Of Jewish descent, Isaiah knew the propensity of this nation to wander away from the true God. He was given the task, as a mouthpiece of God, to remind the people of their first love.

In calling them to their commitment to the Lord, he shows them the greatness and goodness of the Lord. The Israelite people had had their fair share of heartache and suffering.

They had journeyed out of the land of Egypt and spent 40 years traveling through the wilderness to reach a land promised to them by God.

Whether due to their own behaviors, or the consequence of the nation as a whole, the people needed to be reminded of the faithfulness of God. In their hardship, they had experienced tremendous blessings and the faithfulness of God.

Isaiah makes it clear to the people, that no matter what they endure they are chosen by God and protected forever under his hand of love.

What is the charge in the first part of these verses toward the people?

In what areas are you currently feeling fear over?

What do you think it means to be called by name?

## Grace Moments

What do the words “You are mine” mean to you?

What four promises are made by God?

What implications do these four promises of God help you with as you face your current situations?

## My Response

Complete the phrases to personalize God's words to you. You can write the text or insert your own words that speak to whatever you are facing.

When you pass through \_\_\_\_\_, I will be with  
\_\_\_\_\_

And though \_\_\_\_\_, they will not \_\_\_\_\_

When you walk through \_\_\_\_\_, you will not be  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nor will the \_\_\_\_\_ you.

## **Summary**

God's greatest desire is for a relationship with you that is dependent on Him. He calls to us in the hard places of deep waters and scorching deserts and promises to not abandon us. When we rest in this love and remember that we are named by Him, we can rest in peace knowing we are protected no matter what we walk through.

*"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life..."---Psalm 138:7*