

# Holding Steady in Uncertain Times: Choosing Fear or Faith

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## Isaiah 43:1-5

<sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the LORD says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;"

During uncertain times remember that...

### 1. YOU ARE CREATED BY GOD IN HIS IMAGE

Isa 43:1

<sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the LORD says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

During uncertain times remember that...

### 2. THE LORD REDEEMED YOU AND CALLED YOU BY NAME

Isa 43:1

<sup>1</sup> ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

During uncertain times remember that...

### 3. THE LORD WALKS WITH YOU THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

Isa 43:1,2,5

<sup>1</sup> ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, for ... <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

During uncertain times remember that...

### 4. THE LORD IS HOLY AND YOUR SAVIOR

Isa 43:1, 3

<sup>1</sup> ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, ... <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;"

During uncertain times remember that...

### 5. YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND LOVED BY THE LORD

Isa 43:1, 4

<sup>1</sup> ... the LORD says — ... "Fear not, ... <sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,..."