Lay Leader Insights:

God As Deliverer

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God is a deliverer of stuck people. Jonah in a whale. Joseph in a pit. Sarah without a child. Thomas and his doubts. And the list goes on. The heroes of the Bible were not spared difficulties either. David had to fight Goliath. Paul was in prison. Mary lost a son. It can seem hopeless to ever have a moment's rest.

But God created you out of the dust in his image. He saw all of your days before him and knew the troubles that would come your way. He prepared you to work through them. He didn't push them out of your way, as you hoped. Instead he gave you the characteristics needed to persevere and even triumph.

As we look back at our ancestors, we see strength, patience, and purpose. They were hard workers who loved their families. Some built their own homes and businesses. They overcame, and we will too because God is in control. He is our Provider, Deliverer, Peacemaker and Friend. God is accessible. He wants to hear from us regularly. God will help you through whatever is happening, whatever threatens to overwhelm you. "Help" is the shortest and most sincere prayer. Use it when you don't know what to say. God is right beside you. He sees. He knows. He cares.

"I've called your name. You're mine.
When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.
When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.
When you're between a rock and a hard place,
it won't be a dead end—
Because I am GOD, your personal God,"

Isaiah 43:1b-3 (The Message)

Blessings,

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