

RUMC Lenten Devotional 2022

Isaiah 43:1-8

In the previous chapter of Isaiah, the Lord addresses Israel and tells them that the punishment they endured was justified by their own sin and disobedience. Yet here we see the Lord redeeming them. Not rebuking them. Not abandoning them. But calling them precious and honored. But they just made all these mistakes! And God is still here naming them, claiming them, and calling them to His purpose. The Lord is here making promises to His people. He is showing up. Are we?

The first 39 chapters of Isaiah contain the injustices and ways that these people have turned their backs on the Lord. Yet, what we read is vastly different. We have to have read about the depths of their disobedience to understand the fullness of Lord's faithfulness and beauty of His mercy that is revealed to us in this passage. What a great reminder that no matter how far we run or how bad we think we are, we can never be separated from the love of God. He is there waiting and ready to redeem us, his grace covering all our failures and shame.

Do you feel like the waters are overwhelming you today? Do the flames feel like they are about to burn you? The Lord is protecting you. He loves you. He knows you. He has called you by name and created you for His glory. He is never going to leave you. I pray that during this Lenten season you would lean into and rest in His promises.