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Isaiah 43:1-4

"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. 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. 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. 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."

Discussion for the younger kids:

Do you know how much your parents love you? I know they seem mean to you at times, but I'll bet they would do anything they could to keep you safe, even die for you if they had to. That's what God says in this scripture, that He would do anything for His people. Have you become His son or daughter? He wants you to, and He did die for you! Ask your parents about it tonight.

For Further Discussion:

Ok, So, This is a very loooong passage, but I see it as too beautiful to break up. All throughout this book the nation of Israel has rebelled again and again against their God. However the rejection and estrangement from their God that seems justly due is forgotten. Instead, God calls them each, personally by name, tells them of the love he has for them and of their intrinsic value. The thought that the God of the universe can love intensely enough to continue to create and redeem despite all of the agony his creatures are causing blows me away. The thought that he has done all possible for me, who is just as rebellious as Israel is astonishing and the reason my heart responds in worship.

If you would like to ask Barbara more about her devotional, you can send an [email](#) to her at camp.