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~ *SERMON NOTES* ~

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SERMON SERIES: “*DO IT ANYWAY*” – Lesson 4

SERMON TITLE: “*There’s Nothing You Can Do*”

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1 - 7

1 But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you.

O Israel, the one who formed you says,

"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

2 When you go through deep waters,

I will be with you.

When you go through rivers of difficulty,

you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression,

you will not be burned up;

the flames will not consume you.

3 For I am the LORD, your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom;

I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.*

4 Others were given in exchange for you.

I traded their lives for yours

because you are precious to me.

You are honored, and I love you.

5 "Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

I will gather you and your children from east and west.

6 I will say to the north and south,

‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel

from the distant corners of the earth.

7 Bring all who claim me as their God,

for I have made them for my glory.

It was I who created them."

1. YOU BELONG TO GOD

Isaiah 43:1-2 states that it was God who created you, it was God who formed you, it was God who redeemed you, and it is God who calls you by name. Then, in verse 2 God speaks directly through Isaiah, saying... "You are mine."

You belong to God. Jesus Christ came into this world and died on the cross for your sins. The Bible teaches that through his death you were bought and paid for, and you now belong to him. (Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9)

2. HE PROTECTS YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

(v. 2) 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...

(v. 5) Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

3. NOTHING CAN KEEP YOU FROM REACHING YOUR

POTENTIAL

(v. 7) ...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory.