Isaiah 43:1-3 *(NLT) "...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..."*

****The Lord was speaking to His nation, Israel, through the prophet. He reminded them that He is the one who purchased (ransomed) their freedom from slavery. God is the one who called them by name, He is the one that created the nation of Israel. He reminds them that even though they are in exile in Babylon He will protect them and watch over them. As Christians we know that God has called us (1 Cor. 1.9) into a relationship with Himself. We can take comfort from the words of Isaiah because they remind us that we are never alone. We never have to face any difficulty by ourselves. God is always right there with us.

PRAYER: Lord, God thank you for calling me and for knowing me. Thanks for walking with me through the storms and trials of life. Thank you that I am never alone and never have to do things in my own strength and power.

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