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Isaiah 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

“When...” not “if. Waters will come. Its not a question as to whether trials or burdens will come. They will. This is life. But one thing we can be assured of is this. We don’t have to go through them alone. “I will be with thee.” Oh my—what a blessed thought! He won’t send us into the fire, He will walk right alongside with us holding our hand. He says that the fire won’t burn us. In other words, we can come through these trials unharmed. This is only the case though if we properly respond. We MUST keep our eyes on Christ. We must trust Him. We must continue in prayer and utter reliance.

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Isaiah 43:1
But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

In this time of uncertainty, know this—as a child of God, you are loved and will be cared for. God created you and formed you. Think of that! You were made by your Creator and formed for a purpose. You are immortal as long as you are genuinely striving to fulfill the purpose for which God made you. He says, “Fear not...” He demonstrated His great love for you by enduring the cruel cross in an effort to purchase your redemption and forgiveness. You are safe! God has called you individually by your name and tells you that you are His. You couldn’t be in better hands. Rejoice and know that you are secure in the protective hands of your Creator today!

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I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

“Activity is not strength. Work is not zeal. Moving about is not devotion. Activity often is the unrecognized symptom of spiritual weakness...The colt is more active than it's mother, but SHE is the wheel-horse of the team, pulling the load without noise or bluster or show. The child is more active than the father, who may be bearing the rule and burdens of an empire on his shoulders...” This is a portion I read in EM Bounds book “The Essentials of Prayer.” The whole world has come to a halt, but that is not a bad thing. In life, the Lord wants to teach us that “busy-ness” does not equal “productivity.” May God use this time in our lives to help us re-evaluate our priorities.

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Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

You may love chocolate chip cookies or freshly made hot biscuits, but what they are is a series of individual ingredients that would be undesirable in and of themselves. Who would eat straight salt, butter, baking powder, raw eggs, etc??—not many! Individually, those ingredients are nasty. BUT—put them all together in their proper order and place and then bake them, and you get a result of something that so many enjoy. That is life! Individually trials and burdens are undesirable, but if we receive them as God would have us, He can create something wonderful!

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Proverbs 24:10

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Ephesians 6:2-3

Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Having to spend a lot of extra time with the family in NOT a bad thing. One thing I would love to see happen as a result of this time of “quarantine” is for families to grow closer. Children, I want to challenge you to be a blessing to your parents. They are being faced with many hard decisions right now, and they need your encouragement. Be extra kind and helpful. Have a good attitude. Make the best of every situation—even if it may not be your first choice. Be sure to express gratitude for the things your mom and dad do for you. You don’t know how far that will go!

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