

10 DAYS PREPARING OUR HEARTS
DEVOTIONAL FOR WWDP



God Will Make a Way

ISAIAH 43: 15-16

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER
—APRIL 23, 2024—



As we prepare ourselves for WWDP, our aim is ultimately to turn our focus from this world and its many challenges and choose to fix our attention on our God.

We want to spend intentional time in His presence and learn from the Word and Holy Spirit, that which is relevant for us in this season of life and ministry.

He is faithful and will enable us to discern well how we should pray and make choices according to Abba Father's will for this time and space in the world.

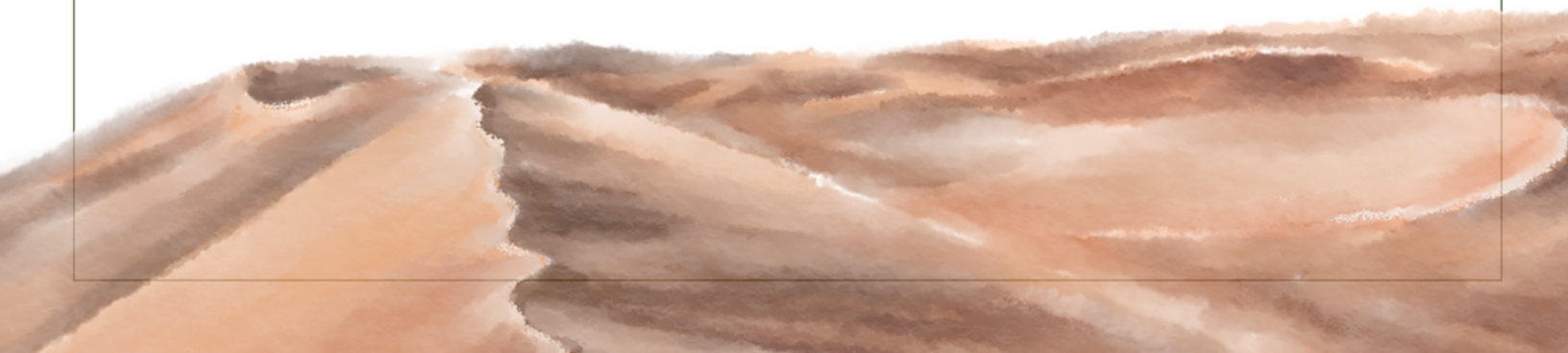
**TAKE TIME EACH DAY TO FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURE
VERSE/VERSES PROVIDED AND ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION
WITH THE LORD. USE THE QUESTIONS PROVIDED TO HELP
YOU GUIDE YOUR THOUGHTS AND PONDER/TARRY ON THEM
TO SEARCH YOUR HEART AND PRAY ACCORDINGLY.**

THEME VERSE

*"I am the **LORD**, your **Holy One**, Israel's **Creator**, your **King**." This is what the **LORD** says— he **who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters...**"*

Isaiah 43:15-17 NIV

All verses are taken from ESV or AMP Bible translation unless stated otherwise.



DAY 1


**“But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”** Isaiah 43:1

READ THIS VERSE AND “PONDER” ON WHAT THE LORD IS SAYING.
(MEDITATE AND TAKE YOUR TIME)

- What is our **God saying** about himself?
- Is there anything in my life or ministry that **scares me**, or contributes to a **fearful heart**? Lay them before the Lord in prayer.
- What truths can I **pray through** using this scripture verse?
- What is **Abba Father’s desire** for us in this scripture?

Write a **short letter** of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Read it to yourself, let your soul take note of your heart’s attitude.



“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.”

Ezekiel 36: 26-27

DAY 2

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; ...”

Isaiah 43:2-3a

- What are the current **‘waters, rivers and fire’** you are passing through in your life? Make a specific note of these challenges and name them each, **lay them before the Lord in prayer.**
- How encouraging to know that God promises us that **He will be with us through** all these challenging circumstances in our lives?
- **Thank the Lord** in your prayer for His presence, ask Him to steer your mind and emotions into a place of **encouragement** and peace.

**Psalm 73:23 -28 focus on verse 26
(Extra scripture to read)**

DAY 3

**“Because you are precious in My sight,
you are honored and I love you,
I will give other men in return for you and other
peoples in exchange for your life.
Do not fear for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east and gather
you from the west.”**

Isaiah 43: 4 – 7 with special focus on verse 4-5

ONCE AGAIN, THE LORD COMFORTS US!

Read the whole passage and take note of the **beautiful promises** in these verses.

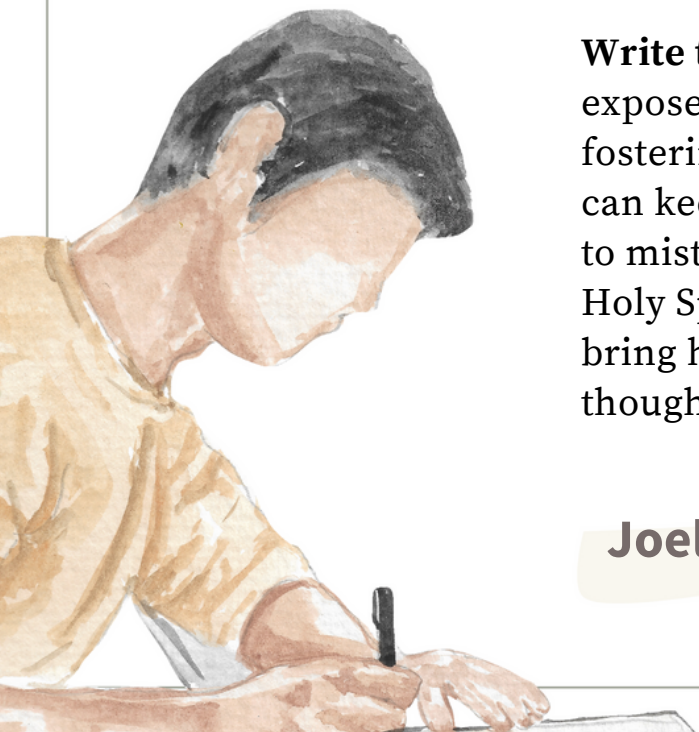
Thank God **for everything** He says about you as His **beloved** Son/Daughter.

Is there anything in your life that you feel the enemy has stolen from you, or maybe you feel you've lost something along the way?



Write these things down and ask the Lord to expose any lies/ thoughts that you might be fostering in your heart as truth. These things can keep your **thoughts** captive and cause you to mistrust God's promises. **Surrender** to the Holy Spirit's restoration power, allow Jesus to bring healing and comfort to your soul (your thoughts and emotions).

Joel 2:25 -26 (extra scripture to read)



DAY 4

“But you are my witnesses, O Israel!’ says the Lord. ‘You are My servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe me and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God- there never has been, and there never will be.’
‘I, [only] I, am the Lord, and there is no Savior besides Me.’”
Isaiah 43: 10-11

IT STILL AMAZES ME THAT GOD CHOSE US AS HIS WITNESSES. THANK THE LORD FOR THIS AMAZING PRIVILEGE TO BE HIS CHOSEN WITNESSES TO MAKE HIM KNOWN TO THE NATIONS.

- What does God say **about Himself** in these verses?
- **Praise Him** for who He is.
- Ask yourself if these truths about God and who He is, **still cause** you to worship Him as your **only True Savior**?
- Ask the Lord to bring your heart into a **place of adoration** and worship, a **newness of heart** towards Him.
- Spend time in **worship and adoration**. You may want to use music or another creative action (like writing a poem to Abba Father) for this time of worship.



Matthew 28:18-19
(read extra scripture in your Bible)



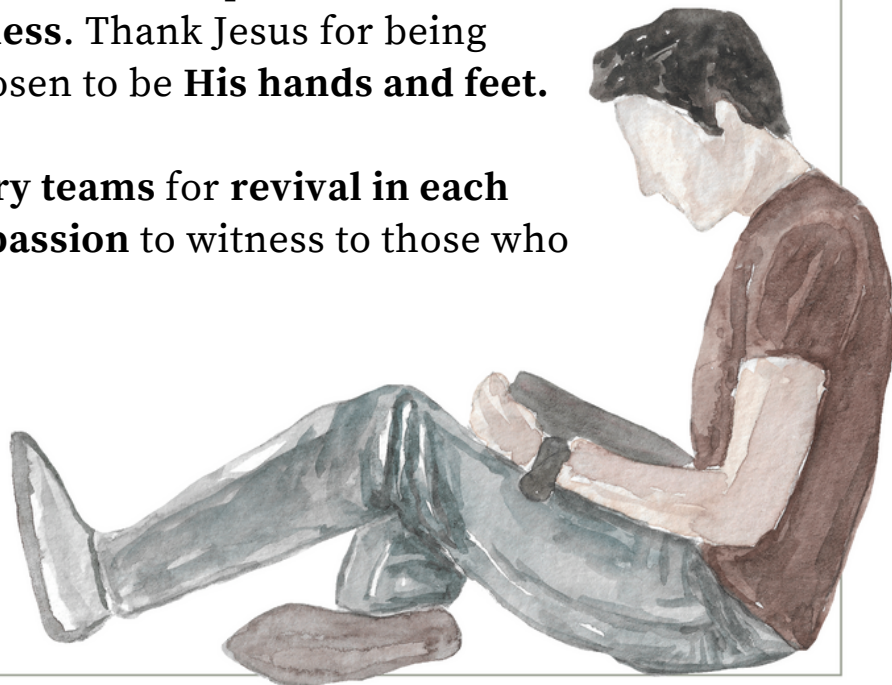
DAY 5

“I have declared [the future] and saved [the nation] and proclaimed [that I am God], and there was no strange (alien) god among you; Therefore you are my witnesses’ [among the pagans], declares the Lord, ‘that I am God.’”

(Read verse 13 in your Bible) Isaiah 43:12

- God’s calling on us, as His witnesses, becomes very clear in this verse. **Are you still passionate about your calling in ministry?** Is there any “strange (alien)god”, in other words, **idols in your life**, that you need to lay down? Something which causes you **to be distracted** in your **worship to Jesus**, you’re calling and ministry?
- Lay your heart’s condition before the Lord. **Trust Him** for **revival** in your heart and renewed compassion for the world, to be a **faithful witness**. Thank Jesus for being part of **His Body**, being chosen to be **His hands and feet**.
- Pray for our **Global ministry teams** for **revival in each heart** and a **renewed compassion** to witness to those who hunger for Truth.

Acts 1:4-8
Read in your Bible.



DAY 6

**“Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the East, and from the West I will gather you. I will say to the North, give up, and to the South, do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”
Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble.”**

Isaiah 43:5-9a

Again, **the Lord comforts us**, His chosen ones. He knows that we are fearful by nature and need Him. Declare your appreciation to the Lord for His comfort and support. **Surrender fully** to His presence and His banner of love. **What does the Lord desire for us**, coming from all 4 wind directions? **Who is called to come?** Is there anything that strikes you by surprise, as He calls us to come?

Ask yourself if there is any **specific person or group** of people that you think is unreachable? God refers to those **who are blind but have eyes, and those who are deaf but have ears**, can you think of anyone in your target area who fits this description? What scripture comes to mind that we **can use to pray** for them? Ask Jesus to bring hope in your heart for the persons or people groups and pray for them for salvation.

DAY 7

“I am the Lord,
your Holy One, the
Creator of Israel, your King.”

Thus says the Lord, who makes a
way in the sea, a path in the
mighty waters, who brings forth
chariot and horse, army and
warrior; they lie down, they
cannot rise, they are
extinguished, quenched
like a wick...”

Isaiah 43:15-17

- Who does the Lord introduce **himself** as in verse 15? Does this introduction **move your heart to trust in Him**? Make note of that which gives you renewed hope.
- In verse 16 and 17, there is a list of very strong and mighty things, take note of these things. How do these things compare to the **might of our God**?
- Ask the Lord to show you where you have given **higher power** to things of this earth instead of realizing the truth of His all-powerful nature. **Lay down** these things in prayer before the Lord. Ask Him to remind you of who He truly is, that **nothing can stand in His way**.

Job 36:5 & Psalm 5:8

DAY 8

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:18-19



Isn't it amazing to see how God can literally **transform the way we know things are**, into miraculously new perspectives and opportunities. **Let us praise and thank** Him for His supernatural abilities that **overrule the most desperate realities**.

Sometimes we can get stuck when challenges come, even being intimidated by them. The Lord says **He will make a way, even if we do not see a way right now**. Lay these challenges before the Lord and trust Him to make a way for you.

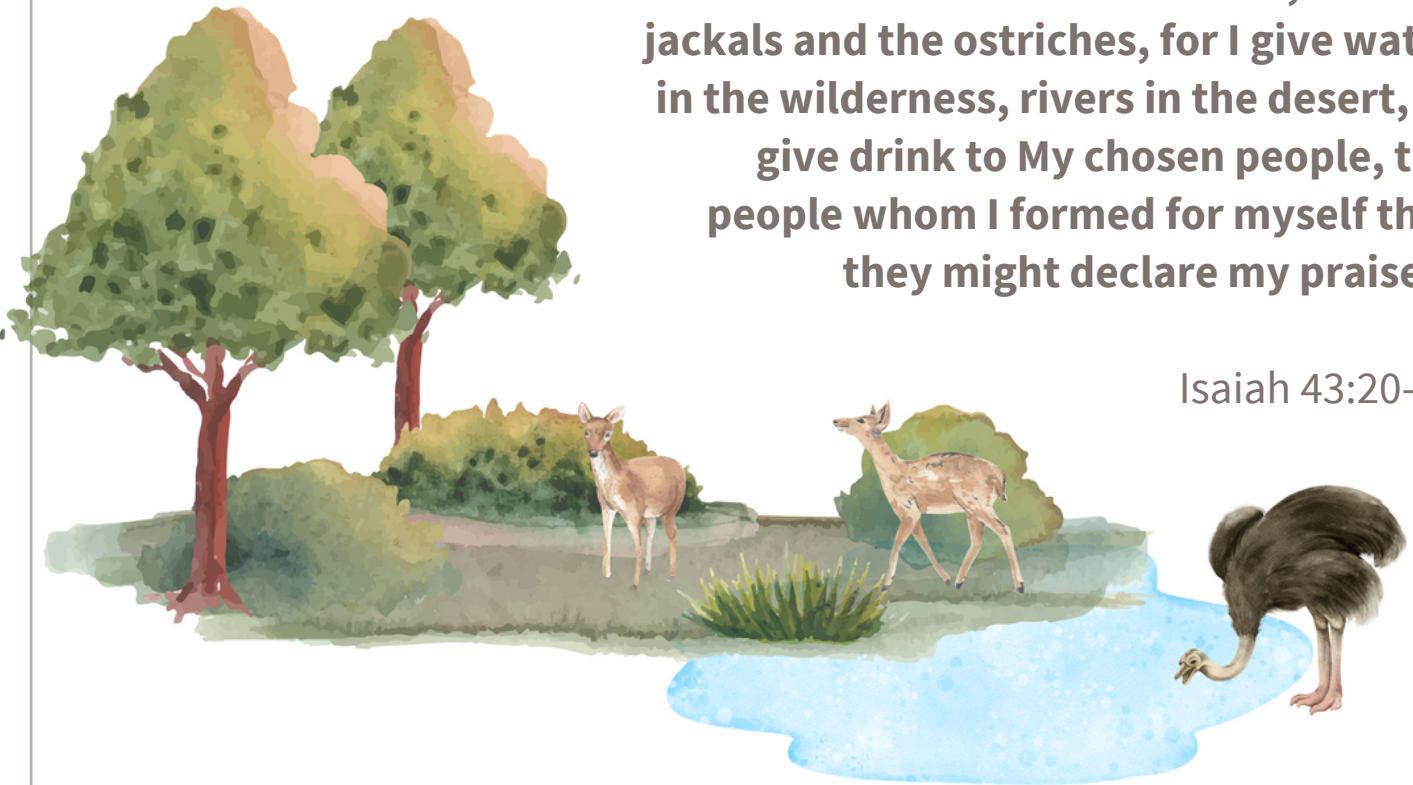
WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR YOURSELF TO FORGET ABOUT THE PAST, AS REFERRED TO IN THESE VERSES? ASK JESUS TO TAKE YOU TO THOSE THINGS IN YOUR HISTORY THAT HE WANTS YOU TO LEAVE BEHIND. CLOSE YOUR EYES AND ENVISION HIM TAKING YOU BY THE HAND AND LEADING YOU TO THAT TIME IN THE PAST. WHAT DO YOU HEAR HIM SAY TO YOU?

2 Corinthians 5:17 – also refer to these verses.

DAY 9

“The wild beasts will honor Me, and the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

Isaiah 43:20-21



In this passage a picture is painted for us, it is a **joyful picture** of creation **giving praise to our God**. Where do you **envision yourself** in this picture?

Can you **recall times** in your **journey** with the Lord where He changed the landscape of realities for you into **fresh new** possibilities? **Praise Him!**

Does Father God reveal something of His heart to **His chosen people**, in the above verses? Is there any need of yours that you want to trust God for? Be sure of the fact that **He wants to help you** and provide for you. **Pray** about these matters, **surrender** all your cares to Jesus.

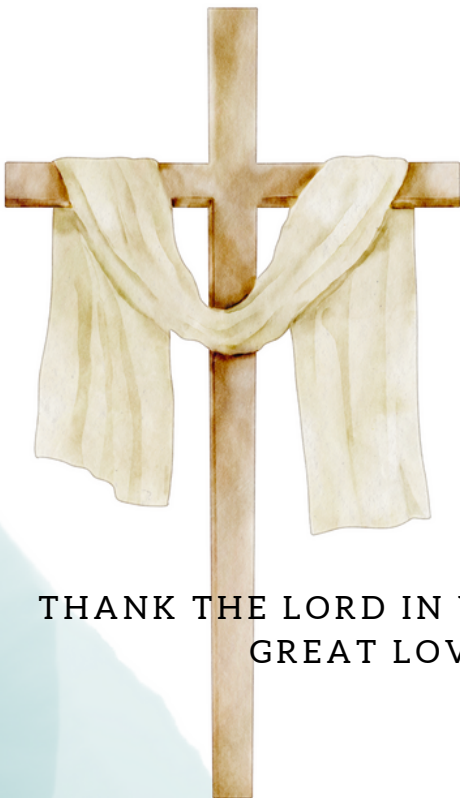
1 Peter 5:10-11- extra reading

DAY 10

**“Yet you have not called on Me [in prayer and worship],
O Jacob; But you have grown weary of Me, O Israel.”
... “I, only I, am He who wipes out your transgressions
for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”
Isaiah 43:22 and 25**

Reflect on the ways in which you might **have or have not prioritized your relationship with God**. Are there areas where you need to agree with the Holy Spirit about not being as **dedicated in spending time with Jesus** as you used to be?

OUR FATHER LONGS FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.



Consider the difference **between religious rituals and genuine devotion to God**. How can you ensure that your devotion is **motivated by love for Him**, rather than obligation or tradition?

Take time to **confess any sins or offenses** that have burdened your relationship **with Abba Father**. As this scripture reminds us, it is only through God’s forgiveness in Jesus that our sins are forgiven and wiped out.

THANK THE LORD IN YOUR OWN WORDS FOR THE GIFT OF HIS GREAT LOVE, MERCY AND FORGIVENESS.

Psalm 103:12-14