



SUGGESTED
SCHEDULE

God Will
Make a Way

ISAIAH 43: 15-16

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER
—APRIL 23, 2024—

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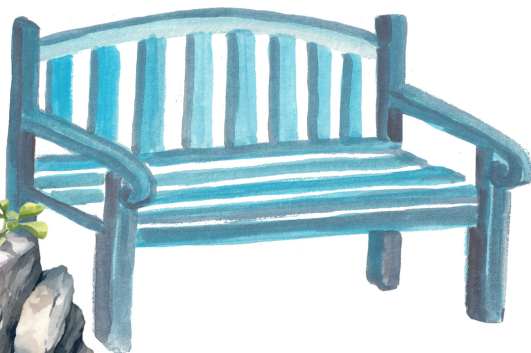
- Praise and worship (30 minutes)
- Watch Steve Sellers's VDO (3-5)
- Personal time with the Lord, Personal reflection (30-45)
- See God will make a way devotional.
- Leader (NTL) shares from their personal reflection time and leads in prayer (10-15)
- Small group (30-45) Divide into groups of 3-4.
- Discuss the questions from the God will make a way devotional and take time to pray for one another.
- Video from each region (60) Can show these at different times to break them up.



A F T E R N O O N



- Each country can choose which country or countries they want to pray for.
- Pray for God to open hearts so that people would come to know Him.
- Pray for different spheres/aspects of the countries you are going to pray for, the current government, the family, religion, church, business, social, internet/media/entertainment, etc.



DEVOTIONAL: GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 43:15-16 (NIV)

“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...”

I N T R O D U C T I O N :

From the verses above we see that God introduces Himself as the God who makes a way. In many prophetic passages in Isaiah, the prophet foresaw a time of great difficulty for the Israelites - a time when they would be captives to their enemies. It would be a time when they were taken from their homeland and exiled in foreign countries. Historically we know and see the fulfillment of such passages in the Babylonian exile.

From the history of Israel, we find out that God made a way to get them out of Egypt, He made a way for them to cross the Red Sea, He made a way for them in the crossing of the wilderness, and He made a way for them to go into the promised land.

The Lord's Encouragement:

Just as He made a way for them, He will and can make a way for you. The God we serve is a God of great power. God is unchangeable, therefore, as He made a way for them, He can make a way no matter what the need is for every generation that will look unto Him.

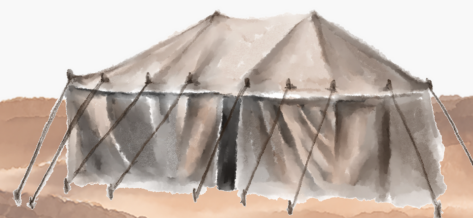
A P P L I C A T I O N :

Reintroducing... God:

And as He did so, it was like He had to re-introduce Himself again to His people and remind them once again of His character. Maybe you have been feeling like the Israelites were. Maybe you have taken your eyes off the Lord and onto your situation. Maybe the difficulty of what you face has clouded out the thought and presence of He who is for you. Maybe you have forgotten that the one who is on your side is the eternal, all-powerful, ever-present God 'who makes a way' – Israel surely had forgotten.

Reminded ...by God:

He reminded them that He is the Creator of Israel. Israel, God's people, didn't come into being by accident. It was through the plan and purpose of the eternal God. So the Lord was saying to them in so many words 'I created you. You are mine. Do you really think that I am going to forget you or let you go?' And finally God reminds His people that He is the King. Israel was in exile and suffering under the king of Babylon, but they were not to fear this earthly 'king'. The real King was still overlooking all that occurred.





Making a way 'through' ... by God:

The negative aspect of the word 'through' is that we have to go 'through'. The positive aspect of the word 'through' is that we get through. The period of difficulty is not forever. Israel had to walk through the waters but they kept walking. They kept progressing forward. And when the mighty waters rise in your life, you too will get through because God is the one who gets you through. You will be changed for the better having gone through it!

Encouraging others ... through God:



From what we have been looking at, as you follow the God-designed path for your life, it can lead straight to mighty waters. This is especially so if God desires to use you to help others. If you are to comfort others, you first must have comforted yourself. All of us will face the waters at some stage. It doesn't say 'If you pass through the waters...' It's not a matter of 'if' but 'when'. It also doesn't say 'when others pass through the waters' but 'when you pass through...' It will happen.

C O N C L U S I O N

The whole focus of these verses is to simply say what the Lord emphasized to us, is that despite the difficulty of a situation and despite the options that look limited in the natural, **God is a God who makes a way**, even when there seems to be no way.

The scripture in Isaiah goes on to say that He does this so that His people '**may proclaim my praise.**' You may be in the place right now where you can see the mighty waters rising around you. The trials and difficulties of this life may be coming against you in a way that seems like there is no way out. If that is so then please remember that **God is One who 'makes a way'**. May you too proclaim His praise as you **trust Him once again.**





Cru/P2C/CCC prayer information:

cru.org/wwdp

Other prayer resources:

- Jesus Film: <https://jesusfilm.org/pray>
 - World Prays: <https://www.worldprays.org/>
 - 110 Top missional gap cities around the globe:
<https://www.110cities.com/2023-calendar/>
 - Prayercast: <https://www.prayercast.com/>
 - Joshua Project (with geographical and demographic information): <https://joshuaproject.net/>
 - Operation World: <https://operationworld.org/prayer-resources/countries-alphabetically/>
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