



*Springs of Hope Virtual Retreat*  
*Praying Through Infertility: Isaiah 43*  
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“But now, thus says the LORD,  
who created you, Jacob, and formed you,  
Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name: you are mine.  
When you pass through waters, I will be  
with you;  
through rivers, you shall not be swept away.  
When you walk through fire, you shall not  
be burned,  
nor will flames consume you.  
or I, the LORD, am your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your savior.  
I give Egypt as ransom for you,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you  
and nations in exchange for your life.  
Fear not, for I am with you;  
from the east I will bring back your  
offspring,  
from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north: Give them up!  
and to the south: Do not hold them!  
Bring back my sons from afar,  
and my daughters from the ends of the  
earth:  
All who are called by my name  
I created for my glory;  
I formed them, made them.  
You are my witnesses—oracle of the  
LORD—

my servant whom I have chosen  
To know and believe in me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
and after me there shall be none.  
I, I am the LORD;  
there is no savior but me.  
It is I who declared, who saved,  
who announced, not some strange god  
among you;  
You are my witnesses—oracle of the LORD.  
I am God,  
yes, from eternity I am he;  
There is none who can deliver from my  
hand:  
I act and who can cancel it?  
I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
the creator of Israel, your King.  
Thus says the LORD,  
who opens a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
Who leads out chariots and horsemen,  
a powerful army,  
Till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,  
snuffed out, quenched like a wick.  
Remember not the events of the past,  
the things of long ago consider not;  
See, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
In the wilderness I make a way,  
in the wasteland, rivers.”

## Reflection Questions

1. What are the waters or fire that I am passing through today?
2. Do I trust they will not overwhelm or consume me?
3. Do I believe I am called by His name? And formed by God?
4. How is God opening a way for me in this sea? How is God doing something new in this desert? Do I perceive it?
5. How do I believe God perceives me? How do I believe God perceives my infertility?  
What is God's promise for me?

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