

Series: Facing Your Fears
Message: The Fear Of Rejection
Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7
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1. We Fear Rejection When Self-Esteem Is Fragile.

- 1) Parental Criticism
- 2) Personal Comparisons
- 3) Relational Calamities

James Dobson, Hide & Seek, pgs. 20-21

"Whenever the keys of self-esteem are seemingly out of reach for a large percentage of the people, as in 20th century America, then widespread mental illness, neuroticism, hatred, alcoholism, drug abuse, violence and social disorder will certainly occur. Personal worth is not something human beings are free to take or leave. We must have it, and when it is unattainable, everybody suffers."

2. The Fear Of Rejection Creates An Excessive Need For Acceptance.

3. We Overcome The Fear Of Rejection When We Matter To Our Most Important Audience.

4. God Intends For His People To Know That They Matter To Him. Isaiah 43:1-7

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ *But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"*

² *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.*

³ *"For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.*

⁴ *"Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.*

⁵ *"Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west.*

⁶ *"I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth,*

⁷ *Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."*

4.1 "I Have Redeemed You"

Isaiah 43:1a

1a But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;..."

Isaiah 43:3

3 "For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.

Isaiah 43:4b

4b ...I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.

Ephes. 1:7

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

4.2 "I Have Called You By Name."

Isaiah 43:1

1 But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"

4.3 "I Will Be With You."

Isaiah 43:2

2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

Isaiah 43:5a

5a "Do not fear, for I am with you;..."

4.4 "I Am The Lord Your God ... You Are Precious In My Sight ... And I Love You."

Isaiah 43:4a

4a *"Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you,..."*

1 Peter 2:9a

9a *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, ...*

Romans 5:8

8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

