

## Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>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,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

## Discussion Questions

1. How would you define “identity”?
2. Where do you most often seek your identity outside of Christ? (Ex: role as wife or mom, job, character qualities, etc.)
3. Israel’s rebellion against God looked like idol worship and disregard for his law. What does your rebellion of God tend to look like?
4. When do you most struggle to believe that you are loved by God?
5. Where have you seen evidence of God’s faithfulness? How does thinking on this give you encouragement today?
6. Consider your life this last month. Where do you need to adjust your filter by remembering you were made for God’s glory rather than your own?
7. What Scripture can you turn to in order to be reminded of your identity in Christ?