## Summer Mission Festival | July 25, 2021

## **Summary**

How to live out your faith in a world that is no longer Christian.

# **Scripture**

But now, this is what the LORD says—  $\,$ 

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

<sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup>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—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

<sup>8</sup>Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,

who have ears but are deaf.

<sup>9</sup> All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true." 10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. <sup>11</sup>I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup> I have revealed and saved and proclaimed— I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. 13 Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand.

When I act, who can reverse it?" —Isaiah 43:1-13 (NIV)

### **Let's Start**

Our speaker this weekend, Global Partner Jonny Nelson, began JSAW, a ministry that uses action sports to reach people for Jesus Christ. What's the most unusual or daring sport you've tried or would like to try?

# **Gratitude and Prayer**

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

### Let's Talk

- 1. Jonny shared his experience of God's love demonstrated to him by a youth group when he stole candy and they showed him love, forgiveness and acceptance. Can you think of a time when you gave or received unexpected forgiveness and acceptance?
- 2. What does it mean to be a witness?
- 3. How would you explain to a non-Christian what God has done for you?
- 4. Reflecting on Isaiah 43:
  - a. Why are the exiles told not to fear in verses 1 and 5?
  - b. How will Israel know that God is with them?
  - c. What "waters" or "fire" (v. 2) seems too close to you?
  - d. What does it mean to you that God says He will be with His people through these things?

### Let's Act

- 1. What can your group do to encourage a global partner?
- 2. Pray about an opportunity to witness this week, follow God's lead and report back next week!

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