

## A Rock And A Hard place

**Isaiah 43:1-4** 1 But now, this is what the LORD says, [He who is] your Creator, **Jacob**, And He who formed you, 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 exchange for you. 4 "Since you are precious in My sight, [Since] you are honored and I love you, I will give [other] people in your place and [other] nations in exchange for your life. 5 "Do not fear, for I am with you; ... [Isa 43:1-5 NASB20] **\*Read the Message translation of this passage**

### Story

- Boy scout trip, rocks and rapids: Ohiopyle State Park - Youghiogheny River

### Trusting God through Impossible Circumstances v1

- *The Big Picture Perspective: "your Creator...who formed you"*
- *"You are Mine!" **Psalm 37:23-24** 23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 When he falls, he will not be hurled down, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand. [Psa 37:23-24 NASB20]*
- *Flying with God **Isaiah 40:27-31***

### God Turns Our Impossible Circumstances Into Miraculous Historical Events v2

- *"When you pass through the waters" **Exodus 13:17-18***
- *Use of the word "might" by an Omniscient God **Hebrews 2:17-18***
- *God's Track Record with us is perfect and glorious*

### For I am the Lord Your God v3 & v4

- *Our God is Omnipotent **Isaiah 44:1-8***
- *Jacob vs Israel – From Humble beginnings to Glorious Future of Promise*
- *"Since you are precious in My sight, since you are honored and I love You – Our God is Personal*

**CLOSING:** When faced with difficult circumstances and obstacles in life, having God's perspective is key to maintaining our peace and joy. We can trust in God that He is orchestrating our steps in a divine way. He always makes a way even if that way is not the easiest. **1 Corinthians 10:1-14**