

REMEMBER THE BASICS

Isaiah 43

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What do you think are the basic, fundamental truths of the Christian faith?
- Why do you think it can be difficult to remember the basic things in life? Why is it important to remember these basic things?

Lent is a season of remembering and reflection; in Isaiah 43 God, through the prophet Isaiah, encourages us to remember the basics about who he is, what he's done for us, and how much he loves us. As wonderful as new discoveries can be, they can distract us from the truth we've long known and which gives us a solid foundation. Remembering the basics once again solidifies the fundamental truths in our minds and hearts; it also returns us to our fundamental calling: worshiping the Lord and giving him the glory he deserves.

Reflection

After listening, consider:

- During this season of Lent, why is it important to remember God as our creator as we reflect on Christ as our redeemer?
- Where do you see the behavior of Christians discrediting God in the eyes of the world? How do these observations affect your choice of words and actions as a believer?
- In what ways do you ensure balance between new and old in your worship and faith? Do you ever spend time studying new songs, hymns, Bible studies, etc to be sure the theology and teaching is accurate and consistent with your beliefs? If you were to do so, what criteria would you use to evaluate them?
- Do you find it more challenging to remember that God is your creator or your redeemer? Why? Find a verse meaningful to you about God as creator or as redeemer, whichever you find more challenging to remember. Write out the verse and place it somewhere it can serve as a reminder to help you remember the basics.

Related Passages

- **Hosea 11:1-11**
- **Deuteronomy 6**
- **Isaiah 48**

Conclusion

Find time during this season of Lent to read and reflect on the Apostles' Creed, which tells the basic foundations of our faith. As you prepare for Easter by journeying with Jesus to the cross, discuss with someone all the places in the creation story and the redemption story where you see God's unconditional love. Then together, through prayer, song, or discussion give God the praise and glory he deserves.

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