

Pastor's Corner

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I was reading from Isaiah the other day and these words struck me, "...you are precious in my sight..." I am still in Belize, a very poor country, yet in other ways a very beautiful country. As I reflect on all that we have and all that they lack, I feel the presence of God both here, and from each of you. If not for your help and support, we could not have come here to share with others.

The other day I met with a retired minister whose wife is very ill, and he was told to just make her as comfortable as possible. He told me how they had been blessed to share together 61 years, and in March, it will be 62 years of marriage. He said that he never regretted a moment. His story was not about all that he had done, all that he had, and all that he had accumulated; but rather about the love that he had shared with his companion, and he gave thanks to God for making it possible.

That moment connected me with each of you as I recalled the difficult and hard times that you have gone through, or, maybe are going through now, and of your faithfulness to God through it all. Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah again:

1But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2When 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. 3For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. 4Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 6I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- 7everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Isaiah 43:1-7

I look forward to my return and in continuing our ministry for the kingdom together.

May God richly bless you,

Rev. Eric Lane