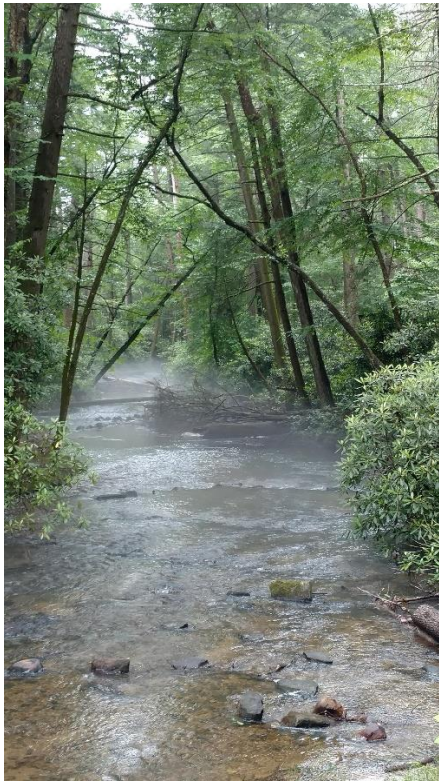


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But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 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.” Isaiah 43:1-3

We go through many things in this life that feel like flood waters and fires. Sometimes we literally go through floods and burning. And God says, “I have redeemed you”, I see you, you are mine. You are free. How can that be when we have been through hugely difficult things metaphorically or in reality? How can we be free? God’s freedom is different than what we may first expect. It is freedom from bitterness. Freedom from the burden of saving everyone and everything. It is the freedom to use the gifts we have been given for the good of those around us. It is the freedom to be able to love as God has loved, in spite of our situation. The scripture says, “I have redeemed you.” We have been saved from ourselves, from what wounds us and

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from natural circumstance. Life is not perfect, but when we allow God to be part of our lives, it is beautiful. Savor God's presence in your life today.