Fear Not, You are Mine
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I. Introduction.

    A. When the speaker was a young boy, he received Christ into his life unsure whether he had done so for eternal life before.

    B. He soon chose a life verse that assured him his labor in the Lord would not be in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

        1. You can receive Christ right now, if you are uncertain of your final destiny.

        2. If you are a follower of Christ, you can trust that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

    C. He eventually committed his whole life to follow Christ. When you do business with God, take it seriously.

    D. Key verse: Isaiah 43:1.

II. Isaiah 43:1.

    A. The words of the Bible can be said to be written to us in a similar way as to the original readers.

    B. Key words: "fear not, you are mine."

    C. Fear.

        1. Feeling worthless is a kind of fear.

        2. Barely keeping one's head above water causes fear. We all will go through fiery trials. (Isaiah 43:2)

    D. Reasons we are not to fear.

        1. God created us. (Psalm 110:12)

            a. God made each of us.

            b. God does not make junk, and there are no illegitimate children.

        2. God redeemed us.

            a. The problem is that the image has been marred. We have gone astray and rebelled. (Isaiah 53:6)

            b. God took care of this problem—He redeemed us by laying upon His Son our iniquity. (1 Peter 1:18-19)

         c. Good Friday, or "God's Friday," is the most important day in human history.

         d. We are twice God's—first He made us and then He bought us.

    3. God called us.

         a. We are call to belong to Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:6)

         b. We are called to be like Christ. (Romans 8:28)

         c. We are called by name. (John 1:6)

   E. There is security, self-worth and significance all wrapped up here.

III. Conclusion: relax in the Lord.

Application questions

   1. On what grounds can the Lord beckon us, "Fear not, you are mine"?

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   2. How is it that believers can be considered God's twice? How does this make you feel?

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   3. In what ways do you struggle with insecurity, self worth and significance? How can the principles of this message help you in those areas? Explain.

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