You Are Mine

The events in the world can cause you to wonder, 'What is going on? Is God still in charge here?' Of course he is, you just don't see things from his omniscient perspective. The tough times and sad seasons challenge you and your attitude towards life. As the afflictions of life settle in with you, and become your daily companions, a very distorted view of reality can result. Without the ability to have any real control over events, despair becomes the inevitable reaction. It is at times like this that you need God's reminder.

† **Psalm 50:15** and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.

God himself encourages you to talk to him about your troubles. Ready and able to respond, he is listening. Communicating your wants, needs, and concerns ought to be an ongoing part of how you live. God is love, and he cares for you. Connected with this encouragement is the promise that he will deal with your problems for you. The delivery may be immediate, or it may be delayed. Ultimately, you will receive the full deliverance from your troubles as you arrive in heaven.

Your sinful nature wants to drag you away, and all too often and way too easily you go astray. When you realize your faults and failures, you get attacked by your conscience and Satan, who wants you to despair. So what do you do? How do you combat these enemies? The Word of God reminds you of the depths of his love for you.

† **Isaiah 43:1b** "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

You are his, so call on the Lord. Wait on his deliverance. While waiting, praise his holy Name. Remember he is faithful, and he loves you. Live in him, with him, for him.

Your life is not your own. Your life is your personal ministry to God.